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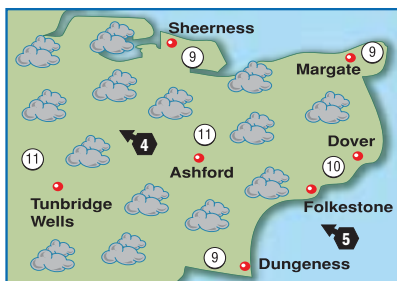


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**TODAY:** It will be mostly dry but cloudy with the chance of the odd spot of rain or drizzle later on. It will be a generally cloudy end to the day. Light winds varying in direction. Max temp 7-10C (45-50F).  
**TONIGHT:** Dry with variable cloud cover and clear intervals. Light winds. Min temp 1-4C (34-39F).

## Around Britain

		°C	°F			°C	°F
Aberdeen	cloudy	9	48	London	fair	9	48
Belfast	cloudy	10	50	Liverpool	cloudy	11	52
Birmingham	fair	9	48	Manchester	cloudy	9	48
B'mouth	cloudy	10	50	Newcastle	cloudy	9	48
Bristol	cloudy	9	48	Norwich	cloudy	9	48
Cardiff	cloudy	9	48	Oxford	cloudy	10	50
Cork	fair	9	48	Southsea	cloudy	10	50
Edinburgh	drizzle	8	46	S'hampton	fair	9	48
Glasgow	rain	9	48	Southport	sun	-	-
Isle of Man	fair	9	48	Swansea	cloudy	9	48
Leeds	cloudy	8	46	Torquay	cloudy	10	50

## Sun & moon

Sunrise	6.41am	Sunset	5.35pm	Lighting up times:
Moonrise	7.40am	Moonset	11.36pm	5.35pm to 6.38am

## High Tides

	today	tomorrow
	ht (m)	ht (m)
Dover	01.07 6.7 13.24 6.4	01.40 6.6 14.01 6.3
Margate	02.03 4.7 14.29 4.5	02.40 4.7 15.05 4.4
St Mary's	07.06 5.5 19.21 5.3	07.42 5.3 20.00 5.1

## Week ahead

<b>monday</b> Sunny spells. max 10C min 4C	<b>thursday</b> Showers, heavy. max 8C min 1C
<b>tuesday</b> Rain later. max 10C min 4C	<b>friday</b> Showers, heavy. max 8C min 1C
<b>wednesday</b> Showers, heavy. max 8C min 2C	<b>saturday</b> Sunny spells. max 8C min 1C

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# Our schools allowed to embrace the rainbow

## EXCLUSIVE

By **JENNA PUDELEK**

LEGISLATION aimed at restricting debate on homosexuality was finally wiped from the statute books in 2003 but a version of the law was kept in Kent.

But following recent controversy about the way homosexuality is dealt with in schools, KOS Media asked whether the council has changed that stance.

Section 28, which was passed in 1988 in the Local Government Act, had banned local authorities 'promoting' homosexuality and labelled gay family relationships as 'pretend'.

The campaign group Stonewall, which was originally set up to lobby against Section 28, said the repeal was supported by a coalition of children's organisations, teachers, school governors, local authorities, trade unions, health experts and lesbian, gay and bisexual groups. But in Kent, the county council,



**FLAG:** The rainbow is a symbol of gay pride

which was at the time led by Lord Sandy Bruce-Lockhart, voted to keep the wording of the law in local policy.

A policy was agreed about Kent County Council's budget which said: "KCC shall not publish, purchase or distribute material with the intention of promoting homosexuality".

In a statement to the BBC dated November 2003, he said that the policy was particularly important in primary schools.

Many people including lesbian, gay and bisexual groups in the county and beyond were understandably insulted and angry at the implication people choose their sexuality.

The actor Sir Ian McKellen, who campaigned for Section 28 to be repealed, famously said of the law: "If Section 28 and the attitudes behind it had remained then society would still believe that gay people are second class citizens and that it is right that they should be treated as second class citizens."

February was Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender History Month, and Kent on Sunday asked KCC when its policy had changed.

A spokeswoman said: "There is no statement now in the budget on this issue. Like most things, we never withdraw guidance on issues, they are just superseded. The Invicta guidance has been superseded by other guidance such as the Kent Children and Young People's Plan. This takes precedence, as does Government guidance on Teachernet. Kent is in line with the national agenda on this."

Ray Duff, a gay rights activist from Kent who took part in demonstrations outside County Hall four years ago, said: "It should never have been there in the first place but they have made great strides since then."

He praised current work in Kent schools on homophobia and issues that affect youngsters.

# 'Unacceptable' performance pay granted to county council bosses

KENT County Council has come under fire for paying out more than £100,000 in "bonuses" to senior staff members.

The Taxpayers' Alliance said the authority's combined award to eight chief officers of performance related pay of £102,000 was "totally unacceptable".

Cllr Paul Carter, KCC's leader, defended the decision to pay the officers up to £14,000 on top of their salary for "excellent performance" in 2007-08, saying the council believed in rewarding excellence.

A spokeswoman for the alliance said: "We think it's totally unacceptable. There is absolutely no way senior employees should be awarded or should be taking bonuses in the current economic climate."

It comes as the organisation, which campaigns for lower taxes, revealed KCC is fifth highest nationally in terms of overall contributions to staff pensions schemes.

The campaign group said that against a backdrop of deepening economic recession and huge financial burden on taxpayers

councils were contributing £4.5 billion to Local Government Pensions Scheme (LGPS), excluding firefighters and teachers.

KCC increased its contributions in 2007-08 by 5.5 per cent, while in comparison Tunbridge Wells Borough Council reduced their contribution by a quarter.

The alliance has called for urgent reforms of the pensions scheme to bring the amount under control.

Cllr Nick Chard, KCC's cabinet member for finance said: "As the largest shire authority in the country, it is inevitable KCC features highly compared to other local authorities."

"However, the Taxpayers Alliance analysis is meaningless given that none of the local authorities in the list can do anything to influence the pension costs. Local government employees are legally allowed to join the LGPS. Although the scheme is administered by KCC, the terms of the scheme are set by Government and we have to comply with them."

"We have consistently argued in recent years that the cost of pensions is too high but

this was ignored in the new scheme which Government introduced in 2008."

Discontent over pay at KCC is growing, last week KOS Media reported on Kent Labour Party's calls for a changes to KCC's wage structure after members voted against a review into "fat cat" salaries earned by the likes of chief executive Peter Gilroy who rakes in more than £200,000 a year.

During the budget meeting, angry KCC staff demonstrated outside County Hall in protest at their offer of a one per cent pay award. Members of the union Unison are considering industrial action.

In response to criticism over performance related pay, Cllr Carter said: "KCC has had the highest possible rating you can get - four stars - since 2002. Our chief officers manage over 44,000 people. That is seven years of excellence managing a budget in excess of £2 billion and delivering services to 1.36 million residents."

He said chief officers had agreed to forego performance pay next year in recognition of the economic crisis.

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Care framework focuses on increased life expectancy, promising:

# Hospital waiting times to be cut

By **JENNA PUDELEK**

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**PLEDGES** to raise the life expectancy of the most disadvantaged and to provide patients with shorter waiting times have been unveiled by health bosses.

NHS South East Coast, the strategic health authority (SHA) for Kent, Surrey and Sussex, said people would wait an average of less than nine weeks for planned hospital treatment under its ambitious plans for 2009-10 launched on Friday.

Candy Morris, the SHA's chief executive, said: "People have told us what matters to them and our operating framework sets out how we are going to meet their health and care needs."

"Turning these pledges into a reality is a vital part of ensuring people have access to the highest possible quality of care wherever they receive treatment."

"We know many people working in the NHS are already delivering high-performing services, but there is more we can do to improve the quality of health and care for patients."

The launch of the new framework is the first stage in turning the 10-year regional vision, Healthier people, excellent care, into a reality she said.

Further reductions in hospital acquired infections are included in this year's plans as part of the SHA's commitment to wipe out avoidable cases of the superbug MRSA by 2011.

Over the next year, NHS staff will be working to raise the life expectancy of the most disadvantaged by 18 months, with an emphasis on people with severe mental illness.

The SHA is the regional headquarters of the NHS and provides leadership, support and coordination to the local NHS organisations that commission and provide primary, acute, mental health services and ambulance services to the 4.2 million people in Kent, Surrey and Sussex.



**SUPPORT:** Care is to be improved with an aim of increasing life expectancy in the most disadvantaged by 18 months

## Police defend their hate crime stance

KENT Chief Constable Mike Fuller has hit back at accusations the police have become obsessed with political correctness.

The county's force came under fire a fortnight ago for promoting a gay essay-writing competition for children as part of a month-long celebration of homosexual history.

Then last week Gravesend MP Adam Holloway criticised an information booklet for immigrants that he said portrayed the people of Kent as being "racist, xenophobic and homophobic".

Today Mr Fuller has written an exclusive article for Kent on Sunday to explain that the force was reaching out to minority groups to ensure it was policing the entire community.

He wrote: "We've spent years encouraging the victims of domestic abuse to have the confidence to report issues to us so we can deal with the crime involved."

"We are now doing the same with victims of hate crime, and I'm sure your readers wouldn't want it any other way."

• **Turn to page 10 to read Mr Fuller's response in full.**

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## Our Dev's a golden boy

THE aunty of Slumdog Millionaire star Dev Patel has spoken of her delight at the success of the film after it scooped eight Oscars, including best picture.

Hillie Patel, who runs Bickers newsagents in Eastry, near Sandwich, said she is pleased that people can now see a different side of India to what is usually portrayed in Hollywood blockbusters.

The film shows the life of a young man, played by 18-year-old Dev, from the slums of Mumbai who appears on the Indian version of Who Wants to be a Millionaire.

Hillie said: "In what little we see of India in films you don't usually see this side, but it is real and it does happen."

"It's not just India though - you get these problems in Africa, Brazil and other countries. There is some criticism about Danny Boyle not giving the children he used in the

film enough pay, but I think everything is going the right way for them."

When the film first hit the big screen, Hillie admitted she hadn't seen it as her two sons, aged nine and 13, are too young for certificate 15.

She said: "I have to say I've seen it now and I'm very pleased. I haven't spoken to Dev to talk to him about it as he's been so busy."

"His grandparents - my parents - are anxious as he is only 18 and they want to make sure he is going in the right direction, but they are still so happy for him."

Asked whether there has been an increase in customers to the shop, Hillie said: "People come and visit from the surrounding villages and I know a lot of old-age pensioners who are going to see the film in Sandwich."

"This is what is special about Kent - it feels like everyone's involved."

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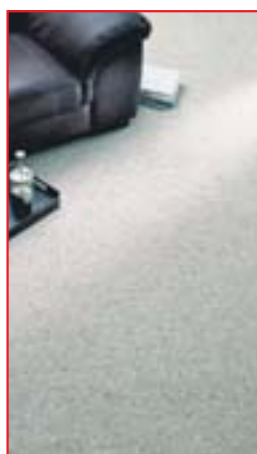


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## Parents' fear of MMR jab fuels rise in number of measles cases

HEALTH bosses are urging Kent parents to ensure their children are immunised as the number of measles cases across the county continues to grow, *writes Jenna Pudelek.*

NHS West Kent has launched a campaign to highlight the importance of vaccines that protect people from serious illnesses such as measles, mumps, rubella and meningitis C.

Immunisation levels in the west of the county are too low, at between 70-80 per cent. They need to be up to 95 per cent for the whole community to be protected.

Dr Declan O'Neil, the primary care trust's assistant director of public health, said uptake of the combined measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccine was rising, but was still only about 80 per cent.

In Kent in 2008, there were 22 confirmed cases of measles, an increase on the previous year when there were just seven.

Nationally, there were 1,348 cases of measles last year compared with 990 in 2007, the Health Protection Agency said earlier this month.

In 1998, the year The Lancet published Dr Andrew Wakefield's research which raised concerns about a possible link between the MMR triple vaccine and autism, there were only 56 cases. Subsequent research has found no link between MMR and autism.

Some parents stopped giving their children the jab, which has been blamed for the growing number of measles cases, including two in Kent schools this year.

### Emphasise

Asked whether the affluence of west Kent has been a factor in its low uptake rates of MMR, Dr O'Neil said: "I'm not sure, but I can guess as well as you can. Certainly it is interesting that in the 11 years since that study there have been another 50 national and international studies by experienced scientists and no one has been able to demonstrate that link."

But concerns over MMR persist. After KoS reported on the most recent outbreak of measles at a school in Sheerness, a reader asked why parents were not given the option of three separate injections.

Dr O'Neil said: "There is no rationale for separating them, other than to support a position we do not believe in. What I'd emphasise is the risk of not being immunised. I'm not scaring people, I'm trying to put the rational risk argument across."

Dr James Thallon, the PCT's medical director, said: "When you have had a baby, your surgery will contact you by post to let you know when your child is due to have its vaccinations, so you can make an appointment. Your doctor or nurse will explain the immunisation process."

Log on to [www.westkentpct.nhs.uk](http://www.westkentpct.nhs.uk), [www.immunisation.nhs.uk](http://www.immunisation.nhs.uk), or call NHS Direct on 0845 4647 for more information. The PCT's helpline is 0800 0850 850.

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See how a mock car accident was staged in an effort to warn young drivers to take care on the roads

# Life for gang of four who beat disabled man to death

By STEVE KNIGHT

FOUR men have been given life sentences for murdering a disabled man as punishment for him crashing one of their mothers' cars.

Ted Shaxted, 36, suffered several broken ribs and a broken collarbone when he was viciously attacked at his Northfleet home on December 2, 2007, and died of multiple organ failure a fortnight later in hospital.

His assailants Kelvin Horlock, 31, from Strood; Bill Saunders, 28, from Gravesend; Trevor Lees, 36, from Northfleet; and Marvin Service, 33, from Gravesend, were all found guilty of murder at Maidstone Crown Court on Wednesday.

Mr Shaxted's family were not in court to hear the verdicts, but released a statement to police after sentencing.

It said: "Ted died as a result of a senseless and brutal attack. He was a kind and loving brother and uncle and is sorely missed by all his family and friends."

"Ted was a defenceless and disabled man who suffered health problems all his life. Despite this he chose to be independent and was a popular member of the community. The investigation and trial have been a trying experience for us and we are relieved this ordeal is now over and those responsible have faced justice."

"These men have deprived Ted of the life he deserved. We hope that in time they will understand the devastation they have caused by their actions."

### Slumped

The court heard how Mr Shaxted had spent the afternoon before the attack with Horlock's aunt, who lived with Horlock's mother. While drunk he stole the latter's car keys, left the flat and drove away with her dog, only to crash into another vehicle shortly after.

He was arrested by police and bailed to appear at a later date, but Horlock and his friends decided to take the law into their own hands first.

The next day they burst into his flat and kicked and punched him all over his body. Ambulance staff were only notified later that evening when a neighbour noticed Mr Shaxted's front door was broken and walked in to find him slumped on his sofa, covered in blood.

Mr Shaxted refused to tell police who had assaulted him before he died and said he did not wish to press charges.

However, after a year-long investigation and with the help of the community his killers were brought to justice.

Horlock must serve a minimum of 16 years before becoming eligible for parole, Service and Saunders 14 years and Lees 13 years and eight months.



KILLED: Tex Shaxted was attacked in his flat and died from the beating he received



THUGS: Kelvin Horlock, Marvin Service, Trevor Lees and Bill Saunders were jailed last week

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# Light relief at the Tower? Take it as red

THE Tower of London will be illuminated red for Comic Relief, thanks to talented students at a Kent college.

Rose Bruford College in Sidcup is the first in the world to offer qualifications in lighting design and programming, which made it the obvious choice to help make this year's Red Nose Day one to remember.

The charity contacted programme director Hansjorg Schmidt to see if his students would be interested in helping with its Paint the Town Red campaign, which will also see the Stephen Lawrence Centre in Deptford and other sites lit up.

Lighting tutor Rachel Nicholson said the

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youngsters jumped at the chance.

"We are always looking for ways in which our students can use the skills they have learned in real situations, so we were only too happy to help when Comic Relief approached us. Everyone has been really enthusiastic," she said.

"We decided to go for the Tower of London because we have worked with them before and it is in the ideal location to help promote Red Nose Day.

"A project of this size is always going to present students with new challenges and I

am sure there will be plenty along the way." Comic Relief official Vicci Moyles explained the purpose of the charity's campaign.

She said: "This year we wanted to remind people Red Nose Day was coming by turning iconic buildings all over the country red.

"Having discovered the best way to do this was with clever lighting, it made sense to call on the talents of Rose Bruford College.

"The students loved the idea and immediately offered their support to our campaign. They are certainly helping to put the red into Red Nose Day this year."

Schools, groups and individuals across the country will raise money for Comic Relief again on March 13 with the usual array of body-waxing, wear-your-clothes-backwards-

to-work ideas. For the second year running students at the University of Kent will see how far they can travel for free in just 50 hours. The furthest destination reached last year was the island of Trinidad in the West Indies.

Meanwhile, new Ashford resident Denise van Outen will be climbing Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania along with a host of celebrity friends including Girls Aloud singers Cheryl Cole and Kimberley Walsh, Take That star Gary Barlow and Radio 1 DJ Chris Moyles. Visit [www.rednoseday.com](http://www.rednoseday.com) for more information.

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The University of Kent markets itself as the UK's European University. It has partnerships with colleges in Germany, Spain, Austria, France and for more than 10 years it has been running its own small campus in the political heart of Europe. Reporter **Ed Hill** paid a visit

ONE small floor of an office block in Brussels is a hive of academic achievement that reaches out across the globe.

This small institution caters for about 200 students keen to make a career in the world of international politics and diplomacy.

The city is the ideal location for the University of Kent's School of International Studies due to its connection with many of the world's largest political organisations such as the European Union and NATO.

John Macgregor, dean of the school, said: "We have been here 10 years. It started with just a

## Global reach of Kent's 'European university'

dozen students, so it has had tremendous growth."

The courses specialise in international relations and law, as well as many other topics, and are aimed at postgraduates.

Most of the students are from overseas, with the majority coming from the United States and Canada.

Marty Gaal, 35, from Vancouver, said: "I had been living in Asia for years and needed to come back to do a PhD and I wanted to come to Europe. To find an English-speaking university in Brussels met all my requirements.

"The course here has meant I have been able to make lots of contacts. I worked with the European Parliament and a consultancy firm. I have found it brilliant and advantageous in terms of the creative element and the academic side."

The college has a close association with the



**MARTY GAAL: Making contacts in Brussels**

Belgium VUB University in the city. The MA courses generally run for one year and it has is has expanded its courses to include Conflict

Analysis, International Economics and Migration Studies. Mr Macgregor said: "The institution was set up on the understanding that it would not be a drain on the university.

The students have to pay about £13,000 for the course. This is probably the main reason that we do not have that many UK students apply."

Many of the North American students say the subject of Europe is something they want to learn more about.

Mr Gaal said: "I knew about Brussels and Belgium, but initially it would not have been a place I would have thought of going to. Getting here and learning all about the European institutions it has been great and it has been ideal being here on the ground."

The University of Kent is looking to expand into Europe even more. It has just announced it is setting up courses in humanities for postgraduate students in Paris.

Dr Karl Leydecker, Dean of the Faculty of Humanities said: "These new MA programmes are an exciting addition to the faculty's suite of taught Masters programmes in arts and humanities, and further strengthen our credentials as the UK's European University."

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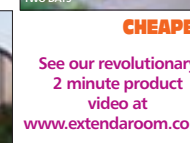
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CAT-LOVERS in Kent have leapt to the defence of a breed labelled 'dangerous' and 'anti-social' by an animal trainer.

Debbie Connolly, a pet behaviour specialist, has nicknamed Bengal cats the 'Asbo cat' and claimed the felines, which have wild ancestors, terrorised other pets in the neighbourhood. These cats can be dangerous and extremely anti-social," she said. "These cats are not cute and fluffy. They will break into your house with the intention of killing your pets."

But Kent breeders have hit back and defended the breed, created by crossing an Asian Leopard Cat with a domestic cat.

Bengal kittens are advertised for sale for more than £400 on the internet. Unlike other cats, they are said to like water and play fetch like a dog.

Libby Norman, who runs Applegarth Bengals in Herne Bay, said: "They are wonderfully friendly, outgoing and loveable animals. In 12 years [as a breeder] I have never had anyone who has any problems."

She said the cats lives in her house with her dogs and other animals and have never attacked any of them.

Mrs Norman said one customer had bought a Bengal as a companion for his disabled wife. He told her the cat lives quite happily on his wife's lap in her wheelchair.

Ms Connolly, who runs an animal training



**THREAT:** An animal behaviour specialist says Bengal cats are anti-social creatures

website and appeared in the BBC's Dog Borstal series, said one older woman had been kept a prisoner in her own chair due to fear of her Bengal cat.

Jenny Chatfield, of Tedith Bengals in Deal, said: "We ran a boarding cattery and looked after a wide variety of cats, including some which displayed anti-social behaviour."

"However, not one of the cats with behavioural problems was a Bengal."

"We fell in love with the beauty and temperament of the Bengal and resolved to breed and show Bengals when we retired."

"Ours are treated as pets and we are fully aware of their individual temperaments and characters. Each cat is different. Some love other cats; others are happy being on their own or prefer human company, just like any other breed of cat. The only common theme is

that the Bengal is full of energy, needs room to let off steam but is extremely loyal to its owner and loves its home."

She said it was wrong for Ms Connolly to judge an entire breed on the behaviour of one or two cats: "Yes, there might be the odd Bengal that displays anti-social tendencies, but this is true of all breeds," she added.

"We have a tabby and white cross-breed tom cat that's causing a nuisance, has attacked our neighbour's cats and our Bengal and has tried to enter our house through the cat flap. However, we know this behaviour is unique to this particular cat and does not mean all tabby and white tom cats are dangerous."

A Kent RSPCA spokeswoman said the organisation in the county had never received any complaints about Bengals.

## Online fight to halt set up of sex offenders unit at prison

AN ONLINE campaign has been launched to stop Maidstone Prison being turned into a sex offenders unit.

Last month the Prison Service revealed the majority of inmates based in the prison in County Road, near to the town centre, will be sex offenders by June 30.

More than 600 people have signed up to the Maidstone Prison Changed to a Sex Offender Unit - No Way group on social networking website Facebook.

The group's creator, Sharon Crawford, fears the inmates will be released into the community in Maidstone after they have served their sentences.

People have been leaving their opinions on the group's message board, sharing their concerns as to where the offenders will be rehoused on release.

One said: "Please spread them out across the country when they are released so Maidstone does not have to live in fear and worry for their families."

In response, a prison service spokesman said: "Multi-Agency Public Protection Arrangements, established in 2001, bring together the police, probation, prison service and other relevant agencies to assess and manage the risk posed by sexual and violent offenders. MAPPA will discuss and share all known information about an offender to identify potential risks to the public and then devise a risk management plan."

There will also be a small unit at the prison for foreign detainees waiting to be removed by the UK Border Agency.

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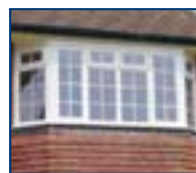
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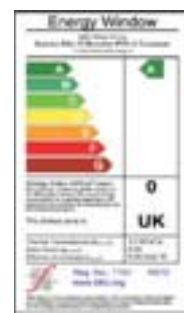
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# Dementia carers live 'on

The terrible effects of dementia on a relationship have been pushed back into the public spotlight thanks to former newsreader John Suchet talking about his wife. He praised his Admiral nurse and appealed for more to be funded in this country. But this moving account of the dramatic change in his life is only one of thousands. Here **JENNA PUDELEK** speaks with a husband and a wife who have both watched their partners succumb to the traumatic illness.

**D**EMENTIA is often thought of as an illness that affects only the elderly, but one carer has told how her husband was only 56 when he began to show symptoms.

In the case of Jane Harlow and her husband, Mike, who live in east Kent, it took doctors and specialists three years to diagnose fronto-temporal dementia, a rare form of the condition.

She said: "There was nothing joined up about the way we got the diagnosis for my husband."

As his behaviour and personality began to change at the end of 2004, Mr Harlow went to his GP several times but was told he was suffering from depression.

"He had problems remembering people's names then it became names of objects and words that are not used very often," she said.

"He became like someone with depression – withdrawn and anxious. I also do not know how long he was trying to cover it up."

But family and close friends who knew Mr Harlow were convinced he was not only depressed and Mrs Edwards had to push doctors to refer the couple to a neurologist.

He was eventually diagnosed in March last year, but even then the specialist told the couple there was nothing he could do and they were referred to an Admiral Nurse.

Mrs Harlow said: "I felt I had no where to turn. Pat contacted me and she has helped us so much. She was someone to talk to who could answer all the questions we had."

"When you are not under the specialist you cannot tap into the help that is around, but my husband actually now goes to a day centre in Canterbury. None of that would have happened without Pat."

She said before her husband became ill the couple had planned to enjoy an early retirement together, having worked hard all their lives to be able to afford it.

There are five Admiral Nurses working across the county, with posts in east Kent initially funded by Bupa, and another eight being recruited by Kent and Medway NHS and Social Care Partnership Trust, this year.

The Harlow's nurse, Pat Brown, is the



**SUPPORT:** Former newsreader John Suchet has joined the call for more Admiral Nurses

Admiral Nurse clinical lead in east Kent. She said early diagnosis of was important.

"Delays can only be improved," she said. "It does happen, unfortunately, and one of the target areas in the Government's national dementia strategy is early intervention where we are trying to help by working with GPs."

"People can get more information about how they want to go forward and look at options for certain treatments. They can understand how to live with dementia and look at quality of life issues. It is very important."

She said a lack of control over the situation can only increase a patient's and their family's anxiety.

Admiral Nurses support carers by providing nursing advice, access to legal and financial information, emotional support, end-of-life care and bereavement counselling. They are supported by the national charity For Dementia.

Mrs Harlow said her husband's illness had worsened over the last year.

"He cannot follow a conversation now and cannot relate very well to other people," she said. "He is most happy in a fixed routine in his own home."

She added: "I think it is that you do not have the person that you had. It is like this grieving and losing them slowly over a long time. Even simple things like conversations in the home we cannot do that any more. It changes everything."

Mr Harlow is a private man and would not have wanted to take part in the article so the couple's names have been changed to protect their identity.



**CARER:** Jane Harlow, with husband Mike, who has fronto-temporal dementia

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# an island of loneliness'

**A**N island of loneliness' is how one carer has described looking after and living with his wife, who had been diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease.

John Maxted, who lives in Smarden near Ashford, has paid tribute to the Admiral Nurses, specialists who support people that care for loved ones with dementia, for helping him through the loneliness of losing his wife, Shirley, to the devastating symptoms of dementia.

Since his wife's death in 2006, he has been helping to raise awareness about the work of the nurses and the charity, For Dementia, which supports them.

"I learned a few things," he said. "I used to be a bridge player and an investment man. I learned it is better to be prepared to invest one's life and time into caring and in supporting one's wife."

"It is easier to cope with her frustrations if you have an absolutely unselfish attitude. That's very important for people to know."

He told how little things had the potential to spark annoyance, he said: "Things like laying the table for supper and then you come back and all the cutlery had been put away again. But if you just laugh at it, that is a much better solution."

"The Admiral Nurses were able to make me see matters with greater clarity and as symptomatic of the disease – not things to get angry about."

## 'The Admiral Nurses made me see things with clarity'

Mrs Maxted became ill in the late 1990s and found the ordinary things she would have taken in her stride more difficult. She suffered mood changes and memory loss, but it was not until 2001 that she was diagnosed with middle-stage Alzheimer's. She was 68.

"Those years 2001 to 2003 were all deteriorating years and I was glad to have the Admiral Nurses," said Mr Maxted.

"Not only were they professional and compassionate, but in some magic way I was able to talk to them about elements of our problems without any reserve, which I could never do with family or friends."

He spoke about the aspects of dementia that are particularly hard for carers, such as when his wife would wake up in the mornings not knowing who she was or who he was.

He said: "I dreaded moving into the incontinence stage but when it came it wasn't anything like I'd anticipated. Although, I would put these things on her and she would take them off again."

"She was pretty conscious in her appearance until the end. I washed her hair and put it in rollers, which I was not prepared for, and the greatest frustra-

tion was when I would finally have dressed her and found matching shoes and she would go and take it all off again.

"It is funny really but they are also triggers for anger and that is to be avoided."

In the end, Mr Maxted had to make the tough

decision to take his wife into a care home.

He said: "I feel I would have had to come to a decision rather earlier if I had not had the help. In an island of loneliness you have got these two people who do help."

He said he now has about two or three people who have partners with dementia and the first thing he does is put them in touch with the Admiral Nurses.

The 78-year-old added: "There are lots of contacts now for information – For Dementia, the Alzheimer's Society and if you look it up on the web there's lots of information but that does not replace the human touch, does it?"

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We respond to emergencies, investigate crime and target – very successfully, I might add – the most serious criminals threatening our county.

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We have increased our detection rate to the highest it has ever been and invested heavily in the largely unseen work of countering the threat posed by terrorism, organised crime and high-risk offenders.

We work across a diverse range of subjects, from protecting children and vulnerable adults to helping prevent the elderly from becoming the victims of crime. In the last year our detection rates for crimes against the elderly have shown a considerable increase.

There is now a significant investment in Neighbourhood Policing, ensuring that we are dealing with the antisocial behaviour issues that affect us all. We also have more offi-

cers checking sex offenders to ensure they are not a threat.

Everyone is suffering economic pressure at the moment and that is why we are continually looking at ways to deliver value for money and put more officers on the streets.

Our new business centre in north Kent, and our cooperation in sharing some services with Essex Police, means we have managed to make savings of more than £2 million. This means the Kent Police Authority makes one of the lowest charges of any shire force in the country.



It's been a tough month for Kent Police. First the force made national headlines for organising an essay competition for children as part of its efforts to mark diversity month. Then Gravesham MP Adam Holloway criticised an information book for immigrants which he believed portrayed Kentish people as “racist and homophobic”. Today, Kent Chief Constable Mike Fuller writes exclusively for Kent on Sunday to defend his actions.

Surveys of our work show confidence and satisfaction levels among the people of Kent are the highest they've ever been and the feedback is that we are now dealing with the issues that really matter.

So why is it that some people feel so concerned that we are trying to help those 'harder to reach' groups?

The Stephen Lawrence Enquiry was a watershed for policing and rightly caused us to take steps to ensure we were listening and responding to the concerns of those who are often overlooked in our society. Not because of political cor-

rectness, but because we simply want to ensure we are policing ALL of our community.

We've spent years encouraging the victims of domestic abuse to have the confidence to report issues to us so we can deal with the crime involved. We are now doing the same with victims of hate crime and I'm sure readers wouldn't want it any other way.

Campaigners say almost eight out of 10 homophobic attacks still go unreported and a recent survey by the campaign group Stonewall found that one in five lesbian and

gay people have been subject to hate crime in the past three years.

Kent Police is rightly proud of its track record in responding to the needs of its diverse community, but we're equally proud of tracking down and locking up robbers, drug dealers, rapists and murderers.

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By Michael Fuller,  
Chief Constable of Kent



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**I**T HAS been 15 months since the last direct train to Brussels from Ashford ran on the high-speed rail link.

Many thought the service would never return as Eurostar strongly promoted its new station at Ebbsfleet. But after a determined campaign by local travellers and politicians Eurostar has offered the olive branch of one scheduled return service per day to the Belgium capital.

As the gaggle of bleary-eyed journalists and the great and the good of the region came together at Ashford's International Station to catch the early morning train we were entertained by a jazz band to send us off on our journey.

The eagerly anticipated service arrived at 6.27am at platform four of Ashford International Station.

In just minutes we were in the Channel Tunnel, which is now fully repaired after the fire which caused extensive damage last September. The train whisked us to Brussels in just under two hours.

Eurostar needs to work hard to convince sceptical passengers from east Kent that it really does believe Ashford is an integral part of it services to the Continent. Many feel the facilities are chronically underused, but it is said around 30 passengers need to get on the train at the station to make a direct service from Ashford on the route viable.

#### Opportunity

Tunde Olatunji, from Passenger Focus – a lobbying group supporting passenger interests in the UK – said: "Originally losing this service may have been the best thing. I think people realised just what they were missing. Now people need to use it to prove its viability to Eurostar."

Supporters hope more Ashford services will be introduced in the future. However, there were few paying customers using this first early morning train.

We arrived in Brussels just before 9am European time. The timetabling of the service has been aimed to give the business passenger a full day in what is called the capital of Europe.

A cheerful Pascal Smets, the city's minister of transport, seemed happy to see us and says Belgium people are keen to find out more about Kent.

"This is a great opportunity for commercial businesses. It will also give Belgian people more chance to get to know Kent."

"It needs to be promoted in the

# Brussels route has to prove its worth

AFTER a high-profile campaign to restore direct trains from Ashford International Station to Brussels, Eurostar began a renewed service on Monday. **ED HILL** joined the campaigners on the long-awaited trip to the Belgium capital

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right way as Kent is an area they do not really know a great deal about," he told me.

After a photo call at the huge rear entrance to the European Parliament we were taken to the Kent County Council's office in the city.

The restoration of the direct service is seen as vital to enhancing the counties business ties with Europe.

KCC took the opportunity to announce a new memorandum signed with partners in France and

Holland to create a new European network of regions.

Tourism is seen as the best way to make international train routes successful. Fares from Ashford start at £59 return and allow customers to travel through to any station in Belgium and access the expanding high speed train network throughout Europe.

But the business sector remains the foundation on which a profitable service will be built and Eurostar has promised that it will launch a new marketing campaign.

#### Celebrate

So as the champagne was poured on our return journey, for the moment at least, we could once again celebrate that Ashford can promote transport links that any other town would envy.

Paul Clokie leader of Ashford council said: "At last this day has arrived – this is vital to the development of the economy of east Kent. We have succeeded in getting this service back, now we must use it."



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## How to avoid hang-ups in a mobile phone minefield

TRADING Standards officials are warning people to avoid being ripped off by mobile phone companies, *writes Chris Murphy.*

Almost 90 per cent of people in the UK now own a mobile, but finding the right way of paying for one is a minefield.

With a huge number of offers and tariffs to choose from, it can be easy to be saddled with enormous costs, say Kent Trading Standards.

They said with the excitement of getting a new phone with all the bells and whistles, it can be easy to be swept along and tricked into signing up to features you won't use but still have to pay for.

Some deals, they said, may turn out to be plain misleading.

It has been a decade since the first phones offered email and web access and the demand for increasingly advanced technologies means more people are upgrading to new models and signing new contracts.

Consumer Direct, which works alongside Trading Standards, received over 31,000 calls relating to mobile phones last year, making it one of the top reasons for people to call the helpline.

Now officers are offering advice to people thinking of signing up for a new deal.

County council cabinet member for communities Cllr Mike Hill said: "The attraction of a new phone can be very tempting, particularly for young people keen to have the latest technology. Before signing on the dotted



**YOUR CALL:** But checking the small print is essential, say Kent Trading Standards

line, it is important to check the small print and ask for clear details to avoid spending unnecessarily and agreeing to the wrong service."

There are many ways to protect yourself from unexpected bills. For instance a pay-monthly contract generally lasts from 12 to 18 months, so it is important to always check what cancellation rights there are as some retailers offer a cooling-off period, meaning the contract can be cancelled within a specified time. If purchasing a phone from an internet retailer, there is an automatic right to cancel the contract and return the phone within seven days of receiving it.

Also, customers may be offered an incentive such as cashback when taking out a pay monthly contract.

This can be claimed throughout the duration of the contract and it is important to ask for clear instructions on how and when to make a claim and always check the terms and conditions.

Money can be saved getting a used phone, but check that the special IMEI number stored electronically on the phone matches the number on the sticker on the back of the handset. This number is like the vehicle identification number of a car and is different from the registration number.

Some companies make 'cold calls' trying to sell more upgrades. Some of these may not be what you might expect, so be very wary.

They may say they are from a known mobile phone operator and that the customer is entitled to a free upgrade, whereas in fact they are getting people to sign up for a new contract, separate to the existing one.

This may result in having two contracts running concurrently possibly without the option to cancel them.

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## EXCLUSIVE

By SIMON ROBINSON

THE devastated father of tragic toddler Rebecca Hopper has written an emotional online tribute to his "little angel".



**LITTLE ANGEL:**  
Rebecca Hopper

Andrew Hopper, 38, from Chatham, posted the touching note to work colleagues last week – just days after Rebecca, who would have turned three this week, plunged into the sea at Folkestone.

It has emerged that married Mr Hopper took his hands off Rebecca's buggy to kiss his mistress, co-worker Paula Anderson. Mr Hopper and wife Sarah, 35, are thought to be trying to save their marriage for the sake of their two sons

# Dad's tribute to tragic tot

Joseph, 10, and Lewis, eight months.

Writing on the BAE Systems intranet site last week, Mr Hopper thanked his Rochester colleagues for their kind messages of support and included a link to a picture of Rebecca.

He wrote: "First of all I would like to thank you all for your support during this very difficult time for my family."

"Rebecca was our little angel, sweet, caring and fun to be with, and anyone who met her or heard me talk about her will agree with me wholeheartedly. She was also a little troublemaker and starting to get into every-

thing, just like any other two-year-old. At this time we think we may be sending 'Beckles' off during the first week of March but I will let you know soon. Once again heartfelt thanks go to you all, my other family here at BAE Systems."

Rebecca died on February 15 after being blown into the sea with her baby brother. The toddler was strapped in a double buggy with Lewis when they plunged 15ft off a coastal path. Mr Hopper and Ms Anderson both dived into the chilly water to rescue the children, helped by passers-by.

Witness Jeremy Francis, 54, said: "I was by my boat and suddenly this woman came running over saying she thought someone had gone in the sea."

"I went over to the edge of the water and there were six members of the public trying to fish all four of them out."

"We managed to get the little girl out. She was lying face down in the water and wasn't breathing. Two people tried giving her mouth-to-mouth. The little boy was breathing."

Mr Francis, of Purley, south London, added: "I took the girl in my arms but she was blue and wasn't breathing."

"The dad was hysterical and screaming, 'My children. My babies. What am I going to do?' It was quite an awful scene."

Rebecca was airlifted to hospital in London in a critical condition but died later that night. Lewis was taken to the William Harvey Hospital in Ashford and treated for hypothermia.

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## Right-wing party denies illegal use of Dame Vera's iconic White Cliffs song

THE British National Party has denied claims it illegally used Dame Vera Lynn's wartime song the White Cliffs of Dover on a patriotic album.

Members of the right-wing party reacted after reports that "forces' sweetheart" Dame Vera, 91, had consulted solicitors after her iconic World War Two song was included on an album being sold by website Excalibur – a trading arm of the BNP. Spokesman Andrew McBride denied his party had produced the

album – which is a collection of 1940s songs – and said they were simply selling it on the site. He said: "We have not stolen this song. We didn't produce this album, we are just selling it through Excalibur. Dame Vera hasn't criticised the BNP, there's just been a misunderstanding with copyright, but this has nothing to do with us. I find it offensive that people have made up this absolute lie."

The album, which is named after Dame Vera's song, is priced £4.95 when bought

online at Excalibur, with a portion of the money going towards party funds.

According to reports, Dame Vera, who lives in East Sussex, consulted solicitor Nigel Angel, stating the BNP had not approached her for approval. Mr Angel said the singer does not align with any party.

Mr McBride said: "This started because someone wants to make us look bad. There seems to be a conspiracy. We are not idiots and we don't break laws."



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# Teachers go back to school to raise standards in class

By **STEVE KNIGHT**

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A TEACHER for teachers has been employed to help raise standards at a Kent boarding school.

Former Ofsted inspector David Taylor will sit in on lessons and provide feedback to colleagues in his new role as "teaching and learning coach" at Sutton Valence School, near Maidstone.

Mr Taylor, who graduated from Oxford and has worked around the world as an educational consultant, said the post was created with pupils' best interests at heart.

He said: "I've been a school governor for about the last four-and-a-half years and one of the things we came up with was for me to look at the lessons and discuss what I saw with senior management... and to be there for the teachers in a coaching and mentoring capacity. I've been doing the job since September and have reviewed the lessons of every teacher, and I'm now following it up by working with the heads of departments. It's all about raising standards as high as we can possibly get them and enhancing the classroom experience."

The National Union of Teachers' divisional

secretary for Kent, John Walder, said he welcomed the initiative as long as the school's teachers were happy with it.

He said: "There would need to be feedback and by that I mean meaningful feedback, not Ofsted comments such as 'good' or 'satisfactory'. The teachers would need to be told what they did well, and what they could do better."

Mr Taylor, who is also a fellow of the Royal Society of Arts, said he was taking every precaution to ensure teachers did not feel imposed upon: "I think when the idea was announced there was quite a degree of caution because it wasn't something they were used to and because they knew of my Ofsted inspector background."

"But I wanted to generate a sense of trust and for people to not be afraid to share things with me. There may still be some doubters but on the whole the teachers seem to have welcomed the opportunity for discussion."

"I'm not there to give the teachers marks out of 10. It's about making sure the pupils are getting the best out of their lessons."

Head teacher Joe Davies said Mr Taylor's appointment was to help maximise the talents of the school's teachers.

He added: "We believe learning is a continuous process, not just for our students but our teachers as well... David's appointment is a clear demonstration of our commitment to improve standards even further."



## Computers stolen from council HQ

POLICE have released CCTV footage of a man they want to speak to about the theft of seven laptops from council offices.

The Dell laptops were stolen from the electoral registration office, a secure area in Maidstone council's new headquarters at Maidstone House in King Street.

The break-in is believed to have happened between 5pm and 5.25pm last Thursday.

Police have released two images of a man they would like to speak to regarding the theft.

He is described as white, in his 40s, tall, with greying hair, wearing smart clothing and carrying a bag with a reflective strip.

A council spokeswoman said: "The laptops contained no electoral registration or personal information about any member of the public, and no confidential information of any type. The laptops were used to access a network and all information was securely stored on the network server – NOT the laptops."

Anyone with information should contact Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

## Virus closes ward

AN OUTBREAK of the winter vomiting Norovirus has caused an area of the William Harvey Hospital to be closed.

One bay of a cardiac care unit in the Ashford hospital has been affected. The bay will be deep cleaned and will not house any more patients for 72-hours. It is estimated norovirus affects between 600,000 and one million people in the UK every year.

A spokesman for the hospital said: "There has been an outbreak in one ward but there have been no new cases and it has been contained. Any problems will be over shortly."

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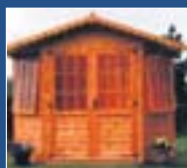
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## Switch off and stay safe

If you're a pedestrian in Maidstone, even if it's just walking from the car park to the office, there's a road safety campaign going on that's aimed at you.

The road safety team at Kent Highway Services is running an awareness campaign to make pedestrians – especially younger ones – take out earphones and switch off their mobile phones while walking near traffic and crossing the road. Being distracted at the point of making a crucial decision, like when to cross, can have fatal consequences.

The campaign's called Walk Safe and we're using a mixture of temporary roadside posters, bus advertising and A4 flyers to target areas in Maidstone where there is a lot of pedestrian movement.

The posters contain a reflective strip and we've placed them in areas to catch the light and make them more noticeable. The posters are mainly being used around secondary schools to target students, who often walk to and from school listening to music or using their phones.

We're running the campaign in Maidstone because it has one of the county's highest traffic volumes, as well as being one of the most populated districts - a combination that means there is an increased chance of pedestrian injury.

The timing of this campaign is very deliberate too. Statistics show that February is the peak month for all pedestrian injuries in Maidstone and the peak time is between 3pm and 5pm. Those most likely to be injured as pedestrians are students aged 11 to 16.

If the boards are effective, they could be rolled out to other parts of the county later this year.



### Tree planting along roads can serve a number of functions.

Those planted along urban streets can provide shade for pedestrians, soften the monotony of surrounding buildings, reduce dust and other airborne pollution and counteract the heat island effect that occurs in extensive built up areas.

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A line of single species trees can either give unity to a jumble of unrelated building styles or complement the 'rhythm' created by the repetition of similar architecture along a street. Even just two trees, carefully placed, can frame an important or attractive view which might otherwise be missed by the passer-by.

Highway tree planting can also help to provide local distinctiveness; a group of Corsican pine for example will often be found near seaside towns and break up the monotony of a long road by adding nuances of colour and height to the landscape.

To find out more about how we manage our highway trees, visit [www.kent.gov.uk/highways](http://www.kent.gov.uk/highways)

## Travel Update

Below are roadworks and events that may cause some disruptions. Please remember that these are planned works and other emergency works may be required.



<b>Dartford</b>			
<b>Start</b>	<b>Finish</b>	<b>Road</b>	<b>Reason</b>
2.3.09	6.3.09	Highcross Road, Sandbanks Hill, Southfleet Road, Betsham Road, Dartford	Road closures - carriageway works
3.3.09	28.4.09	Park Road, Dartford	Road closure - water mains works
<b>Maidstone</b>			
<b>Start</b>	<b>Finish</b>	<b>Road</b>	<b>Reason</b>
2.3.09	23.3.09	A26 Tonbrige Road - Bull Orchard junction, Barning	Temporary traffic lights - carriageway works
<b>Thanet</b>			
<b>Start</b>	<b>Finish</b>	<b>Road</b>	<b>Reason</b>
2.3.09	14.4.09	St Lukes Avenue, Ramsgate	Road closure - gas mains works
<b>Dover</b>			
<b>Start</b>	<b>Finish</b>	<b>Road</b>	<b>Reason</b>
4.3.09	6.3.09	A258 Dover Road, Dover	Temporary traffic lights - fencing works
<b>Shepway</b>			
<b>Start</b>	<b>Finish</b>	<b>Road</b>	<b>Reason</b>
5.3.09	10.3.09	Cheriton Road, Folkestone	Temporary traffic lights - drainage works

For details of other roadworks in Kent please visit [www.kent.gov.uk/travel](http://www.kent.gov.uk/travel)

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## Police swoop on careless drivers

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Last week officers pulled vehicles over at a number of safety camera sites throughout the county. Those caught using mobile telephones received £60 fines and three points on their licenses, while those not wearing seatbelts were handed £30 penalties.

Chief Insp Roscoe Walford said: "By enforcing these offences we aim to reduce the number of casualties on our county's roads."



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KENT ON SUNDAY Saturday Observer

# Big switch off for ITV's 'local' news

By **SIMON ROBINSON**

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HUNDREDS of TV viewers across Kent have vowed to switch off ITV after the station merged three news areas into one.

The ITV Meridian South East show has been combined with the Thames Valley and South shows into a single "pan-regional" broadcast.

The super region reaches a population of eight million people, 12 county councils, 86 MPs, 60 district councils – from Dover to Oxford and Medway to Portsmouth – and seven international airports.

Kent viewers have taken to ITV's message board in their hundreds to complain about the move.

Angela Fyfe, one of more than 500 viewers to hit out at the new show online, wrote: "The news area covered now is far too large.

"Nobody in the Kent area is interested in Southampton, West Sussex and so on and I am quite sure all viewers feel the same.

"You will lose many loyal local news watchers by these changes, please think again."

"That Ginger Guy" added: "Cringeworthy television at its best. I don't bother with ITV for news anymore.

"It's dreadful that you thought saving



**COMPLAINTS:** Fred Dienage and Sangeeta Babhra read the news in the updated studio viewers have complained about

money by making local news no longer local or watchable."

"PGC" wrote: "I have tried to be patient and give the new look programme a chance. But I'm afraid it has lost not only its identity, it has also lost its sparkle, personality and charm.

"The audience is there for a local news programme – but this isn't it. If ITV want to save money, this is not the answer, why drive your audience away?"

"Far better to look at better ways to raise the necessary revenue – there is no way potential sponsors or advertisers will be attracted to an unwatchable programme.

"It is not rocket science.

"People in Portsmouth don't want to hear about Oxford or Kent and vice versa – please give us all back a programme we all want."

ITV's online editor Jonathan Marland said the combined ITV Meridian news bulletin – with east and west segments – have come as a result of "economic realities".

He wrote on the ITV website: "The changes have all been made against a background of massive upheaval in British broadcasting. In a nutshell, ITV had an obligation to make regional news as part of the original conditions of its broadcasting licence.

"But those conditions have been relaxed as a result of the huge number of digital stations now competing for advertising revenue, and the credit squeeze.

"This is all part of a big national debate about public service broadcasting, and who should pay for it. The problem is that PSB is expensive and cannot be maintained on a purely commercial basis.

"The BBC is obviously paid for by the licence fee, but other PSB providers are asking for either separate funding or to be released from their obligations.

"The Government is promising to come up with a solution soon. In the meantime, economic realities have forced changes across the whole PSB landscape."

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## Topping out ceremony as renovation ends at Churchill's home

# Their finest hour

By **STEVE KNIGHT**

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THE completion of repairs to the former home of Sir Winston Churchill will be celebrated with a topping-out ceremony this weekend.

Randolph Churchill, the great grandson of Britain's best-loved Prime Minister, will finish off the £500,000 re-roofing project at Chartwell, Sevenoaks, by laying the last of 30,000 new tiles on Sunday.

Repairs to the historic property were necessary after it sprung several leaks, which led to owners the National Trust taking the opportunity to spruce up other areas in need of attention such as the weather vane and chimney stacks.

Property manager Philippa Rawlinson said: "Churchill bought Chartwell because he had been moved from one place to another when he was a child and he wanted somewhere his family could always call home.

"They had many happy times here and it was the place where Churchill worked and entertained. It was important to him, therefore it's very important to us as well.

"After he died in 1965, the National Trust worked closely with



**FAMILY HOME:** Chartwell (inset), home to Winston Churchill family

his wife Clementine to present the house to the public how she remembered it in its heyday. That's why it contains original furniture and memorabilia and why it's so warm and homely inside."

Churchill, who led the UK during the World War Two, bought Chartwell in 1922 when he was serving as the Conservatives' Secretary of State for the Colonies.

After moving into 10 Downing Street, the property became virtually unused due to Kent's proximity to German-occupied France and its vulnerability to air-strike.

However, the family moved back to Chartwell at the end of the conflict and remained there until Churchill's death about two decades later.

All of the new tiles for the proper-

ty were hand-made by a family-run company who have been producing tiles the traditional way for more than 400 years.

The Sussex firm took just three days to complete the mammoth Chartwell order, while 600 of the tiles were signed by members of the public in exchange for a donation towards the cost.

Mrs Rawlinson said: "We've replaced the whole roof because the last time any work was done was just after Churchill bought the home in the 1920s, and even then it still leaked in places.

"The National Trust is here forever and for everybody, and it was important we kept the property in a good state and gave it some much-needed TLC."



**CLEAN SLATE:** Randolph Churchill and son Mark make a tile for the roof at Chartwell, and (right) in Churchillian pose on the roof, where he will lay the last of the 30,000 tiles during a topping out ceremony on Sunday

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# Kent find themselves on a sticky wicket over finances

A STRING of major off-the-field commercial blows have left Kent Cricket Club chiefs counting the cost as they recorded a £706,536 loss last year.

The figures, released on Monday, reveal the hefty pre-tax operating losses for the year to October 31, 2008.

It will come as the latest blow to the club which has already seen the recession smash for six its ambitious multi-million pound plans to redevelop its St Lawrence Ground on the Old Dover Road.

In addition to those plans being forced to be put on hold – having already cost the club a cool £1 million in architects fees and obtaining planning permission – seven staff members were made redundant.

Club chairman George Kennedy described the results as “extremely disappointing”.

Ironically, it comes after the club had one of its more successful campaigns on the pitch.

It reached the final of the two major domestic one-day competitions – although lost out in both – which helped smash budgets for match day revenue.

However, the season did end on a disappointing note when the club were relegated from the County Championship for the first time in its history.

The club's honorary treasurer, Alister Dunning, said: “At the time our budgets were prepared we, in common with people everywhere, did not foresee the extent of the econom-

By **CHRIS BRITCHER**

ic downturn awaiting us. The final stage in securing planning permission was signed in January 2008, so by the time we hoped to sign the agreement with our partners the downturn was already starting to take effect.

“We spent around £1m on getting our planning permission through and this sum is shown in the capital account.

“This is money we have had to find, but that figure does not take into account the values of those three plots of land [the Bat and Ball field, practice area and potential hotel plot] which have considerably increased now that planning permission is in place.”

In addition to the plans for the ground stalling due to the economic downturn and collapse of the housing market there have been other knock-on effects.

## Shortfall

It says it saw expected sponsorship payments fall short to the tune of £100,000 from the redevelopment partners and projected interest on capital receipts of around £125,000.

A damp summer also had a damaging effect, with the weather hitting 14 days play during home games, with a resultant drop in gate receipts, catering spend and profits from the club's shops.

Though the Spitfires reached two one-day finals – the Twenty20 Cup and Friends Provident Trophy – the additional knock-out games led to an increase in team bonuses,

travel and hotel costs. A decline in membership also led to a £20,000 shortfall in budget.

Match receipts went up by £80,000 – some £60,000 ahead of budget – but that figure was eroded by player bonuses and added travel costs.

Health and Safety issues at Canterbury and Beckenham led to unbudgeted maintenance costs in the region of £50,000 and, for the first time in many seasons, marketing income fell to £465,000 (£100,000 under budget) including a significant shortfall in profits from the club's retail outlets.

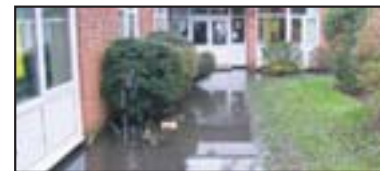
Physiotherapy clinic profits and those from the Kent Academy Sports Centre were also slightly down.

Players' salary costs increased to £1.49m (£130,000 over budget) which included ECB prize money whilst coaching costs increased by £12,000.

The club has responded to the recession by downsizing and restructuring its management and marketing departments with the overall loss of seven jobs. The club's bank borrowing has also been re-structured.

Club chairman, George M Kennedy, said: “The results are extremely disappointing. However, I promised we would examine our budget for this year more accurately to reflect our business needs. That budget has now been agreed by committee and should result in an outcome closer to break even.”

Kent members will have their opportunity to discuss the figures at the club's AGM to be held in the Harris Room at the St Lawrence Ground on Monday, March 16.



ALL WASHED OUT: More Park School

## School left to foot bill after flooding

A SCHOOL is facing a £50,000 clean-up bill as council chiefs are refusing to cover the cost of flood damage – despite having failed to pump away the water.

More Park Roman Catholic School in West Malling was swamped with several inches of floodwater during the torrential rainfall earlier this month.

But school bosses were stunned to be told Kent County Council could only pay £2,000 towards the contents and property damage.

Headteacher Carol Smith discovered the flooding when she arrived at the school on Monday, February 9.

After calling KCC a highways team pumped away the water from the road, which was being splashed on to the school each time a car travelled past. But Ms Smith says the team left before 5pm without draining the school site – leaving its classrooms exposed.

In response a KCC spokesman said a tanker was sent shortly after 5pm to find the school gate closed, so could not drain the site. The school caretaker disputes this.

County councillor Trudy Dean has asked Keith Ferrin, the county council's cabinet member for environment, highways and waste, to foot the bill for the damage.

KCC has general arrangements for insuring Voluntary Aided Schools and the cover they provide is limited to such things as sports pavilions, and the first £2,000 of damage to property and contents.

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# From ballroom to classroom

STARS from Strictly Come Dancing were in Kent to launch a scheme to bring ballroom and Latin moves into school PE lessons, **writes Jenna Pudelek.**

Husband and wife team Darren Bennett and Lilia Kopylova introduced 500 pupils aged between five and 16 from schools in Bromley to the cha cha cha and jive on Tuesday as part of the pilot project.

The scheme, Essentially Dance, which is being funded by the Aldridge Foundation, aims to improve children's fitness, self-esteem and social skills and has been backed by the Government. Ed Balls, the Children, Schools and Families Secretary, said: "From ballroom to ballet, dancing is a fantastic way for children to keep fit and have fun."

"We want to encourage everyone to take part in physical education. Dance is a great way to improve fitness and can attract young people who do not enjoy competitive sport such as football or netball."

"Dance forms part of the PE and sport curriculum and I hope teachers and children alike will see the benefits. Making PE an attractive option is especially important if we are to tackle obesity and give young people enjoyable and positive activities they can take part in both during and after school."

Children from Bishop Justus School, Princes Plain Primary,



**LET'S DANCE:** Darren Bennett and Lilia Kopylova with pupils at the launch of Essentially Dance in Bromley

St James's Primary, Southborough Primary, Parish Primary and Hawes Down Primary helped launch the national pilot.

It comes after the BBC's Strictly Come Dancing television show has thrust ballroom into the spotlight. Mr Bennett, said:

"Through the popularity of Strictly Come Dancing combined with the participation of sports celebrities such as Darren Gough, Mark Ramprakash and Matt Dawson – who all took it very seriously and achieved great success in the series – boys are seeing ballroom and Latin dance in a new light. If their sporting heroes can do it, then so can they."

Essentially Dance will see 52 teachers and classroom assistants trained to provide the dancing lessons over the next three months.

The success of the scheme, which is being piloted in 26 schools in Darwen near Blackburn, Salford, Rotherham, Bromley and Falmer near Brighton, will be evaluated by Roehampton University for a report due in May.

Rod Aldridge, chairman of the Aldridge Foundation, which aims to use entrepreneurship to create lasting social change for young people and their communities, said: "From rugby-playing PE teachers to rap music fans, this pilot scheme is already capturing the imagination of teachers and students alike."

"We hope to build on this enthusiasm and encourage other schools to bring ballroom and Latin dance into the National Curriculum, hold regional school competitions and a national ballroom dance event."

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**GAME ON:** Spurs boss Harry Rednapp and family have featured in Wii TV ads

SPORTS science academics have discovered Wii Fit is the most popular form of home exercise for Kent residents.

The bizarre conclusion that a video game console, which uses motion-sensing hand controllers, is the way more people get fit at home will come as a surprise to gyms across the county.

Dr Gill Perkins and Dr Ian Swaine, from Canterbury Christ Church University, conducted a survey of 300 people during the Ideal Home Exhibition at the County Showground.

They discovered that Wii Fit was the most popular form of home exercise, followed by home gym equipment and exercise DVDs,

## Wii know how to keep fit in Kent

although most people who use Wii Fit only do so once a week.

They also found people tended to do more physical activity outside of the home.

Forty-four per cent of those surveyed said they were aware of guidelines for activity for health. Most said they obtained advice about physical activity or weight loss from health specialists or the internet, rather than magazines

or television. Dr Perkins said: "It is surprising how many people in Kent use their homes to keep themselves physically active. Wii Fit is a particular favourite, with many people regularly using home-gym equipment and exercise DVDs. But it's not all about equipment – people are keen on getting active in the garden, too."

"Kent residents are even more active outside of their homes. Popular activities include walking and cycling, with many making regular visits to the gym."

"The people we spoke to were well-informed, with the internet being a popular source of information. However, there is still a significant minority who do very little physical activity."

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# Final bag of high street store's pick 'n' mix fetches £14,500 on eBay

By **STEVE KNIGHT**

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A BAG of sweets sold online for £14,500 was the result of a last-minute pick 'n' mix by a former Woolworths worker from Kent.

Before losing his job as manager of the retailer's Petts Wood branch in Bromley, Ed Adams decided to gather the last remaining cola bottles, white mice and pineapple cubes before auctioning them for charity on eBay.

Certified by administrators Deloitte as the very last bag of Woolworths sweets, bidding started at 99p but soon rocketed into the thousands of pounds before last Saturday's noon deadline.

The money raised has now been donated to the Retail Trust, a charity that supports the industry's workforce.

Mr Adams said: "I spotted at least a bag's worth of pick 'n' mix was left in the counter just before I closed the shop for the last time.

"I am proud and excited to see such an enormous sum has been raised for the last bag of Woolworths sweets. "The Retail Trust is a fantastic organisation that has helped so many people. Being made redundant was hard to take, but knowing there is help out there gives you comfort.



"I know the money will help support others who may suffer redundancy in the weeks and months to come."

The sweets, which were showcased for 10 days on eBay, attracted a huge amount of interest with about 3,900 surfers keeping an eye on the bidding. Among those who placed an offer were Shop Direct owners Sir David and Sir Frederick Barclay, who earlier this month purchased the Woolworths name with visions of relaunching it as an online retailer.

An eBay spokesman said: "The amount of interest this auction generated reflects the popularity of the iconic Woolworths brand and reinforces eBay as a barometer of people's passions. We are very excited by the result."

The Retail Trust was established in 1932 and is now championed by many of the industry's leading figures, including Bhs owner Sir Philip Green and Marks & Spencer chief Sir Stuart Rose.

The charity's annual ball, which took place in January, raised a record £1.1 million.

A Deloitte spokesman said: "We consented to the sale of the sweets for the benefit of the Retail Trust. We are pleased to be supporting this worthwhile cause and hope the proceeds will make a difference to those workers helped by the charity."

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## Ex-Woolworths manager gets sweet return in online auction

## Cigarette smuggler is jailed after driving through port

A TRUCKER who smuggled more than seven million cigarettes into the UK through Dover has been jailed for five years.

The 45-year-old tried to drive straight through the Eastern Docks with the load which would have deprived the Treasury of about £1 million in duty.

Maidstone Crown Court was told that on January 27, 2006, Customs officers tried to intercept a lorry which had arrived on a ferry from Calais.

The vehicle failed to stop and drove out of the docks. After a search of the area, the truck - minus its trailer - was found in a layby on the A256 Sandwich Road.

The driver, Manuel Alves Alves, of Birbeck Road, Beckenham, was in the cab and said he had dropped the trailer at the northbound

M2 Medway services. The service station was searched but the trailer was not found. Officers then discovered the abandoned trailer at the Adelaide Café on the A258, seven miles from the layby in which he was parked.

The trailer was searched and the cigarettes were found hidden in the load. The revenue evaded amounted to £1,080,792.

Malcolm Bragg of HM Revenue & Customs said: "This is not a harmless tax fiddle. It cheats the Government of revenue which can be used to fund public services such as schools and hospitals."

Alves Alves was found guilty and jailed for five years for smuggling, plus two further sentences of nine months each for money laundering offences.

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# New display a tribute to wife and mum of seven tragically killed in road accident



FOR JANE: Trevor Peckham-Cooper's display is a testament to his late wife, Jane Peckham (right)

## Exhibition in honour of artist's dead wife

By **STEVE KNIGHT**

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A FATHER-of-seven whose children helped him and each other cope with the tragedy of their mother's death is holding an exhibition in her memory.

Jane Peckham-Cooper was killed in a road accident in 2002, but her husband, five sons and two daughters refused to feel sorry for themselves for too long and instead turned their despair into motivation.

Her elder children are now employed in well-paid jobs, while the younger ones are doing well with their education and look set to follow in their siblings' footsteps.

Ahead of the exhibition at Gallery 118 in Notting Hill, west London, Mrs Peckham-Cooper's widower Trevor paid tribute to his much-loved wife.

The Edenbridge resident said: "She was an amazing lady – a very beautiful and bubbly person. You name it, she had it.

"Our children have been exceptional considering what they had to go through. When something like that happens, there are two



ways you can go – you can either fall apart or you can pick yourself up and go for it.

"My father was a squadron leader in the RAF who fought in World War Two, so we must have picked something up from him because we all went for it.

"We all dug deep into our reserves, all vowing that we would make our lives a testament to Jane. My personal vow was to ensure she would always be remembered firstly by her children's achievements and in my case by creating a unique, contemporary art collection for and inspired by her."

Mr Peckham-Cooper left art college in 1958 with an NDD Honours in graphic design, and honed his craft during lunch breaks at the advertising firm he joined soon thereafter.

Although some of his paintings were bought by American galleries for up to £2,500 a time, he soon gave up the hobby to concentrate on his career until his wife's death years later.

The exhibition, which runs from March 16 to 21, will raise money for the children's bereavement charity Winston's Wish.

Mr Peckham-Cooper said: "A lot of my paintings are more 'out there' than some people are accustomed to, but I think there is some exciting stuff there and I am usually quite hard on myself."

In 2005, Mr Peckham-Cooper's son Roper received a Diana Award – named after the late Princess of Wales – for his services to charity and the community.

Following the death of his mother he became the youngest person to cycle solo from Land's End to John O'Groats at just 14.

• **To view some of Mr Peckham-Cooper's work, visit [www.trevorpc.com](http://www.trevorpc.com).**

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**STORYTELLER:** Brenda Blethyn read to children at the reopening of Ramsgate library



# Brenda coughs up for old fine at library reopening

A DAY that the people of Ramsgate had waited years for arrived last week as Ramsgate Library was officially re-opened for public use.

The town's most famous daughter, Brenda Blethyn, was on hand to lead the celebrations.

The actress, who was celebrating her birthday, said: "I came here a lot when I was a child

to do my homework and I was so upset to hear it had burnt down. It looks so wonderful now".

She even went on to apologise for an outstanding fine from her childhood in the form of a book she had failed to take back, which she said had worried her for years.

She worked out that in "old money", with the fines at a penny a week, she probably

owed around £26 to the library coffers.

Never one to shirk her duty the actress then produced a cheque from her handbag for the amount and handed it to officials!

The Golden Globe and BAFTA winner also staged an impromptu storytelling session, reading youngsters a book about dinosaurs complete with actions and sound effects.

## Ex-Gills ace King charged over sex attack in nightclub

FORMER Gillingham star Marlon King has appeared in court charged with sexually assaulting a woman inside a London nightclub.

The striker, who is currently playing in the Premiership for Middlesbrough, is also accused of punching the 20-year-old woman on December 7.

King, 28, appeared before Westminster magistrates this morning and was bailed until April 8.

The Jamaica international scored 40 times for the Gills in 101 appearances between 2000 and 2003, before signing for Nottingham Forest in a £950,000 deal.

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# Feast your eyes

By **CHRIS BRITCHER**  
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FROM the deep, fertile soils of our rolling countryside to the teeming seas which lap the shores of our coastline, harvesting the bountiful crop of the Garden of England serves up a wealth of taste and nutrition.

Be it the crisp crunch of an apple, a sweet strawberry, succulent scallop or aromatic asparagus, the rural and seafaring traditions of this great county surround and define us.

But the threat posed to our local producers in these troubled times remains very much alive – and with it the livelihoods of so many.

Which is why today KOS Media, publisher of Kent on Sunday, launches a major new campaign: Great value local produce delivered to your door, as well as protecting our rural communities and showcasing the wonderful food and drink we as a county provide.

We are calling on our readers to help ensure our county continues to prosper and enjoy all the health, environmental and financial benefits of buying top quality, locally produced, food and drink. From farmers' markets to independent retailers, spending your money

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locally delivers big benefits, with every pound spent sparking a cascade of cash to local service providers.

What's more, we have teamed up with leading local suppliers to offer a new online service that will deliver the finest Kent has to offer – straight to your front door. Hassle-free.

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Supported by Produced in Kent – the not-for-profit organisation backed by Kent County Council and Hadlow College, which works closely with local producers to promote our county's rich variety of goods and services – our new campaign will highlight the depth and range of what Kent has to offer.

In so doing, we hope to help protect rural communities, protect jobs and ensure the Garden of England keeps its place at the nation's top table of food and drink producers.

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What's more, it dispels the myth that local produce equates to high prices. As our price comparison shows, like-for-like quality means you can actually SAVE money on shopping in major supermarkets.

Julie Monkman is manager of Produced in Kent. She said: "As a nation, the British public is becoming increasingly more aware of food matters, and particularly the importance of supporting local businesses."

"Farmers' markets, farm shops and independent retailers offer a genuine alternative to what fills the super-



Picture: PAUL TURNER



market shelves and it's vital we support Kent's local producers. Food is fresher and healthier because it contains more nutrients, it tastes better too and people tend to buy what they need, saving on needless packaging, wasting less food and less money."

Doug Wanstall is one of the county's best known farmers. From his land in Aldington, near Ashford, he has developed a reputation as one of the county's foremost suppliers – particularly in free range eggs.

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## Celebrating Kent's finest

THE Mulberry Tree in Boughton Monchelsea, near Maidstone, has been crowned Kent's top restaurant in a prestigious awards ceremony.

The Taste of Kent Awards took place on Thursday night at Leeds Castle and recognised the most outstanding and innovative food and drink products, producers and retailers, from the county.

Top pub of the year went to The Plough at Stalisfield, near Faversham.

The awards, now in their fifth year, are the brainchild of the county's food and drink champions, Produced in Kent.

Nominations were voted for by the public with a panel of judges then selected to choose the winners. Public involvement was up a healthy 42 per cent this year.

Produced in Kent manager Julie Monkman said: "All these companies play a pivotal role in creating jobs and stimulating Kent's rural economy."

### Taste of Kent award winners

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**Best Wine:** Chapel Down Winery, Tenterden – Chapel Down English Rose.

**Best Seafood Retailer:** Whitstable Fish Market.

**Best Local Food Retailer:** The Little Stour Farm Shop, Wingham.

**Best Farmers' Market:** Cliftonville, Margate.

**Best Non-Alcoholic Drink Producer:** Pine Trees Farm, Doddington.

**Best Food Producer:** Blue Bell Hill Apiaries, Lidsing, near Gillingham.

**Best Food & Drink Product:** The Chapel Press, Burmarsh – Rapeseed Oil.

**Best Restaurant:** The Mulberry Tree, Boughton Monchelsea.

**Best Pub:** The Plough at Stalisfield, Stalisfield Green, near Faversham.

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# Tigger joins Tigers as real dog of war

For the past week reporter **NICK AMES** has been in the Helmand Province of Afghanistan with Kent-based soldiers. He sent these reports by email



Pictures: Nick Ames and Mod

**TIGGER** the Tiger is a true dog of war.

The Minden mongrel was adopted as mascot by soldiers of the Kent-based Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment after Afghan children tried to cut his ears and tail off.

Now he regularly accompanies the troops as they patrol just yards from the Taliban forward area of operations – barking at anyone who approaches them.

The regiment is nicknamed The Tigers – hence the name of their newest recruit.

Platoon commander Lt Giles Walsh explained how the dog became part of the garrison.

"He was actually rescued by units of the

Afghan National Army when they saw the children trying to cut his ears and tail off.

"They wanted to turn him into a fighting dog. But the ANA took him back to the base and kept him chained up.

"Our chaps weren't having that, so they adopted him. He's got the run of the place and goes on patrol with us.

"He's very protective and barks if anyone gets too close. He particularly doesn't like children – I think I understand why."

In Afghan culture dogs are not highly prized. As domestic pets they are unknown. They can be guard dogs, but more often are bred to fight – the ears and tail are cut off to prevent them being clawed to pieces.

The fights are the subject of heavy betting with local champions daubed with red dye.

It is one of the few amusements available to locals in Helmand Province which is one of the most impoverished in the country.



**WALKIES:** Tigger on patrol with The Tigers

The presence of Tigger has baffled the ANA soldiers who share the base, who are bemused by how the 100 British soldiers continually make a fuss of him.

"Their attitude to animals is totally different," said Lt Walsh. "They really don't understand at all."

Tigger is about six months old and is to be handed over to the Royal Welsh when they take over at Minden base next month.

On one occasion the dog went missing and the troops managed to alter their patrol to make sure they could find where Tigger got to, as he frequently "arrives back from patrol hours overdue", as one soldier put it.

He added: "I love that dog – I really do. Those Welshmen better take care of him."



**MASCOT MUTT:** Lt Giles Walsh with Tigger

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# Quiet determination of Gurkha platoon

THE Gurkhas are renowned throughout the world as an elite fighting force.

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They are proud to call it "the front line". Operating Jackal fighting vehicles, their job is to send out long-range patrols lasting up to 10 days, locating enemy positions. In charge of these demanding missions in hostile terrain where temperatures can exceed 50C, is Sandhurst graduate Captain Kit Kyte. He said commanding Gurkhas requires a more subtle approach than that used to bring discipli-

ne and effectiveness to other units.

"Firstly, the Gurkhas are just so professional," said Capt Kyte. "They are always friendly and good humoured, but when it comes to a firefight they resemble a swarm of ants, just looking to get everything done with nothing allowed to get in their way. They never show off. They are very humble, but their actions speak far louder than words."

Capt Kyte was offered two choices when he finished his military college training – the Paras and the Gurkhas. He opted for the latter. He spent four months in Nepal, immersing himself in the culture, trekking through the Himalayas and tak-

ing part in aid projects.

"The approach to command I adopt is more subtle than other units," he said. "I never shout at my men. By depending on their professionalism, you get the best out of them."

Capt Kyte's platoon has been especially useful because of their background.

"The Urdu spoken by many of them has similarities with Pashto, which is spoken in Afghanistan," he said.

"The Gurkhas also come from a farming culture. One problem we face is Taliban spotters pretending to farm the land. The troops will spot this – they know who is a fake farmer and who is for real."



FIGHTING TALK: Capt Kyte briefs his Gurkha platoon

# Kent's band of brothers

A BAND of brothers from three different families are celebrating their safe return from a tour of duty in Afghanistan.

Kent's county regiment, The 2nd Battalion The Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment, has no less than seven siblings within its ranks, all of whom are now back home.

The largest group is the Arthey brothers from Whitstable – Ptes Lewis, 22, Liam, 20, and Sam, 18 – while the eldest are Pte David and L/Cpl Mark Walsh from Brighton, who are 30 and 28 respectively.

Rounding out the family gathering are L/Cpl Dean Lloyd, 21, and his 18-year-old brother Pte Karl, both from Beckenham.

Lt-Col Doug Chalmers said he was proud of what the siblings had achieved.

"All are good, young professional soldiers," he said. "They've taken it all in their stride and I have nothing but pride in what they have achieved."

While the brothers were serving, they were



HOME AT LAST: The Arthey brothers

split into different units to spread the risk of more than one being injured. But this did not mean they stopped worrying about each other.

Liam Arthey said: "For a while Sam was in Lashkar Gah while I was on the ground, and he could hear the noise of the battle, the 500-pounders and everything. We bumped into each other randomly while on patrol so we had a brief chat and then just cracked on. But just seeing his face was really good."

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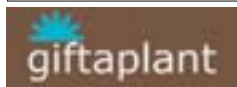
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# Human kindness in full flow

A ROTARIAN from Medway has described the contrasts he found on a trip to discover what access to clean water means in one of the world's poorest countries, **writes Jenna Pudelek.**

Euan Eddie, who is Rotary International's next district governor for Kent and East Sussex, traveled to Burkina Faso in west Africa with WaterAid to visit the charity's projects.

"It was incredible," he said. "The key for me was being able to understand what access to clean water means – because it does not mean turning the tap on."

"It is access within a kilometre of where you live. It means standpipes in some urban areas where there is a limited mains supply and in the rural areas boreholes where you have to find a source."

WaterAid works around the world to help ensure people have access to clean water. Mr Eddie, who lives in Chatham, aims to raise at least £30,000 for the charity during his tenure. The 64-year-old wanted to see the projects that the money will support first hand.

He said: "There is nothing I would not have seen in photographs or could have read about, but going there to meet people and talk to them makes such a difference."

After flying to Ouagadougou, he saw the poverty of the capital's urban slums before heading west to meet communities in a rural area of the Balé province.

"It is a small population with not a lot of wealth," he said. "I witnessed such gracious, charming, hospitable people. It is quite a



**WATER: Local women in Burkina Faso in west Africa have to carry containers filled with about 25 litres of water on their heads and walk home, which may be up to a kilometre away – often with a baby strapped to their backs**

stable country. There are four tribal groups, but unlike some African countries they are at peace with each other.

"They are of the mind, 'We have what we have, but if you could provide more we'd be delighted'. They are not demanding or begging."

He said there were three parts to the

charity's work: access to clean water, sanitation and education about personal hygiene.

"I saw interesting contrasts. In some villages they were taking water from an open well which was a bit mucky and drinking it. That is what we are trying to solve."

The country's government has been decentralised through 13 regions to 302 rural and 49 urban local authorities.

Each authority has prepared its own development plan. Mr Eddie said: "We are going to provide what villages have decided they need through their development plan."

He said the party was popular wherever they went and during a trip to Tone at least

1,200 villagers turned out to welcome them. In Lapara he was presented with four live chickens and a bundle of fish.

WaterAid said it has helped more than 37,000 people in Burkina Faso gain access to safe water and more than 32,000 residents access to sanitation since 2000.

The charity said average life expectancy was 51 years and more than five million people still do not have access to safe water and more than 12 million do not have a hygienic place to go to the toilet.



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# High cost of 'free' buses

TAXPAYERS will continue to foot the bill for free bus travel in Medway after it was announced there would be no further Government funding, **writes Steve Knight.**

Over-60s have been able to travel for free at off-peak times since last April, but councils throughout the South East claim they have not been given enough money to pay for the scheme. Medway faces the largest shortfall of all with a £732,000 deficit in its budget.

Council tax bills will rise there by just under five per cent this year – about £50 per household – to help pay for the concessions.

Deputy leader Cllr Alan Jarrett (Con) said: "Free bus travel is an excellent idea but the Government has introduced it without providing full funding. Like many Government ini-

tiatives, free doesn't mean free when it comes to funding and it's the council that has to pick up the bill. This year we are proposing a council tax increase of just under five per cent. Had the Government funded us fully for concession fares the option would have been there possibly not to increase council tax at all, so that's the scale of the problem.

"We don't have a negotiating position with the bus companies either because they know it's law to provide a free scheme."

The issue of bus concession shortfall was raised on last Sunday's episode of the BBC's The Politics Show, where it was also revealed that the councils of Mid Sussex and Hastings also faced deficits of £464,000 and £466,000 respectively. Despite the concerns, transport minister Paul Clark – who is also MP for Gillingham and Rainham – said there was enough funding to go round.

He said: "I am delighted there are 11 million

people over the age of 60 or who have a disability who can travel free on the buses, which is the backbone of our transport system.

"There is almost £1 billion in the system to provide that, and it is absolutely enough to cover the cost of the scheme. After discussions through the Local Government Association and others, we set up a special formula of grants that gave Medway an extra 17 per cent increase on funding.

"Over the last few months I have been seeing MPs and council leaders from the areas concerned, and when I sat down with them most recognised there was enough funding. The formula was worked out to reflect exactly where there are popular destinations and what areas need more money.

"The Local Transport Act actually gives greater powers to local authorities to negotiate with bus companies to get those better services across the board."

## Legacy land sale dispute is resolved

A LONG-running dispute over a piece of land wrongly sold by Dartford council to developers has finally been put to bed.

The land – an access road linking Lowfield Street to Central Park – forms part of a larger area left to the town for recreational use a century ago.

Residents were outraged when the council mistakenly sold it to St James' Investments for £275,000, but have now been forced to accept a similarly-sized patch nearby as a replacement.

Campaigner Jo Shippam, 69, said the decision – which was rubber-stamped at a meeting on Thursday – was another nail in Dartford's coffin.

She said: "This only came up because someone who knew of the original covenant realised the council had done something it shouldn't have, but by then the land was already sold. Dartford is becoming a dormitory town. All the local shops are going and there's no character left."

### New role

In 1903, Charles Newman Kidd bequeathed the land to Dartford council – then known as the Urban District Council of Dartford – so it could own it in its new role as a charitable trust.

It was left under terms stating it was not to be used for any other purpose than recreation, but sold to St James' Investments in 2004. The firm now plans to create a promenade in Lowfield Street that would include the largest Tesco in the country.

The Charities Commission later accepted the council had made an "honest mistake in good faith" and ruled it would be acceptable for the council to purchase from itself a similarly-sized area of land in Central Park for £5,000 as a replacement.

The remaining £270,000 from the sale will be used for the upkeep of Kidd land.

Council leader Cllr Jeremy Kite said: "Our aim from the start has been to protect the interests of the Kidd legacy land and ensure it can meet the leisure needs of a new generation."

## Former champ John boosts bike safety



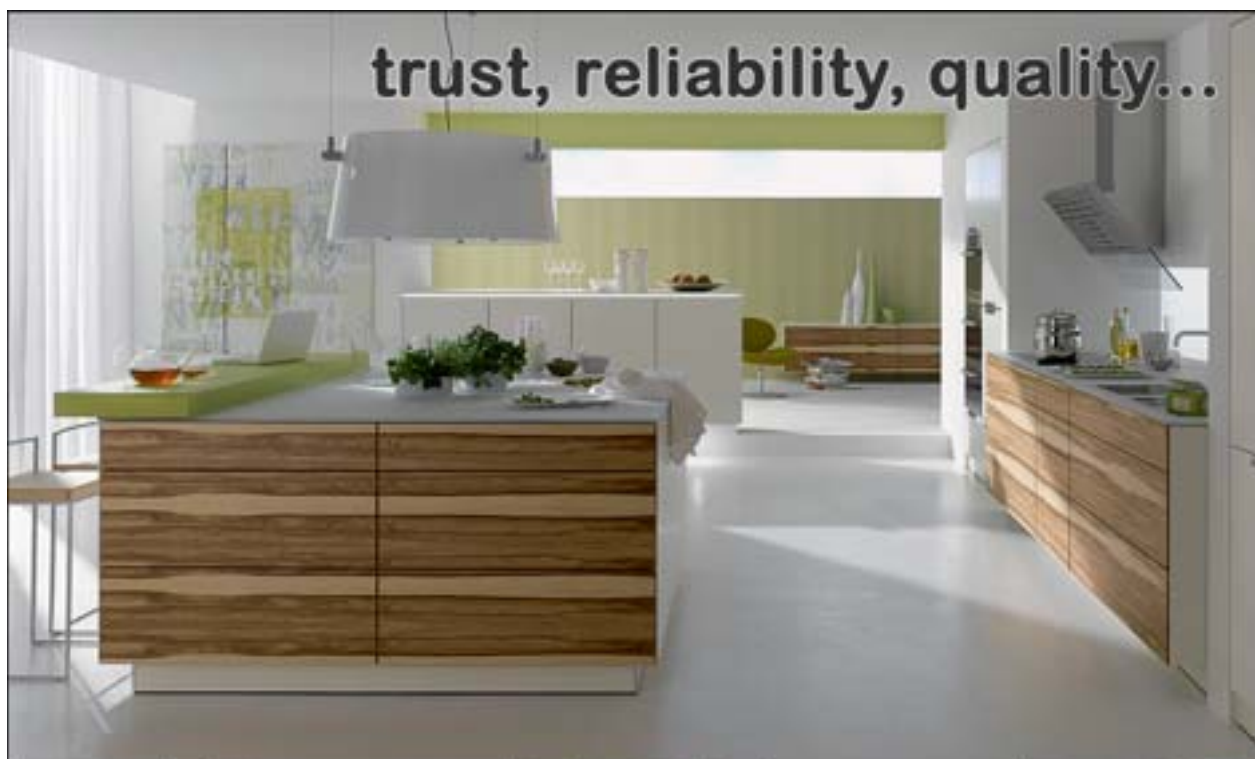
FORMER Suzuki rider John Reynolds, pictured above, will help launch the new Gladius street bike at Tunbridge Wells Suzuki next weekend.

The British Superbike champion of 1992, 2001 and 2004 will also be promoting the police BikeSafe initiative, having retired from racing after a serious crash while testing at Brands Hatch.

He shattered ribs, punctured a lung, broke a collar bone and injured his neck and back. He said afterwards: "When I hit the barrier it was like a switch in my head flipped. Instantly I knew it was time to stop."

Tunbridge Wells Suzuki is in Dowding Way. The event will include catering and stands by clothing and equipment brands Shooey, Richa and Sidi.

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COMPARISONS have been drawn with the rise of the Nazis in 1930s Germany after the far-right British National Party won its first seat in Kent.

The backlash against the 'whites-first' group is already under way with political parties and anti-racism campaigners protesting in Swanley this weekend.

Cllr Paul Golding, a BNP member since he was 17, won with 41 per cent of the vote in the town's St Mary's ward, making him an elected member of Sevenoaks District Council a week last Thursday.

Fears over unemployment and recent demonstrations over foreign workers have been blamed for the anti-immigrant BNP's first breakthrough south of the Thames.

But Alan Bullion, Lib Dem parliamentary candidate for Sevenoaks, warned that while concerns over the state of the economy were

# 'A warning from history'

By **JENNA PUDELEK**

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justified, people should not allow fear to push them to the extreme right.

"People are really discontented," he said. "They are justifiably angry about the banks and the economy, but we have to be careful we do not go down the road Germany went with the rise of Hitler. There is a danger people will turn to the right for easy solutions."

"But this country has prided itself on diversity and integration and we don't want to go backwards in terms of social tolerance."

He said Saturday's anti-BNP rally was a reaction to the shock win in the Labour

enclave in Tory-controlled west Kent.

"I think we have to pick up on the issues of the economy; jobs and housing. A lot of the discontent was from young men in their 20s in the building trade. The BNP offers a message of hate, but we offer one of hope."

He said there was a worry the BNP could make a further breakthrough in the European elections in June. The party has already pledged to field candidates up in each of Medway's 22 wards for the council's 2011 elections. A campaign has also been launched to fight every seat in Swale.

Donald Worsley, Labour's candidate for Folkestone and Hythe, said in a letter to KOS Media that the win should serve as a warning that "racism, bigotry and hatred is

stirring" in Kent. "The past 100 years has shown us what will be the consequences if we ignore such an evil philosophy as propounded by the BNP," he said.

Michael Fallon, the Conservative MP for Sevenoaks, said frustration with the Government over quality of life issues such as jobs, housing, crime and vandalism was to blame for the BNP's success.

He added: "This is a wake-up call for us to address the frustrations people feel."

•BNP election reaction, see letters page 37-39

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## BNP backers who ignore the facts

SUPPORTERS of the British National Party from Kent have revealed why they turned to the party and shared their views, **writes Jenna Pudelek.**

Harry Williams, the BNP's prospective Parliamentary candidate for Shepway, said he was a supporter of 'old' Labour before switching his loyalties to the far-right party via a short sojourn with UKIP.

The Hythe resident's political stance appeared to stem from concerns over Britain's EU membership.

"MEPs voted for prisons for thought-crimes," he said.

"People denying the Holocaust would be in there for two and half years until they are mentored into accepting it."

Asked about his views on the Holocaust,

he said: "I have no views."

When he was pressed about the genocide of six million Jews and killings of other groups including homosexuals and people with disabilities, he said: "It is a very dicey subject."

He then listed some websites that denied the Holocaust.

Mr Williams went on to claim that the EU had set up an employment agency in Malawi in Africa, he said: "The EU has an agenda to wipe out the indigenous people in this country and it is going to be turned into a Muslim state."

He said: "I fear for your children and grandchildren, 70 per cent of the birthing rate in this country is from immigrants, white people will be a minority in 50 years."

Mr Williams denied that he was a racist.

Patrick Pepper, who lives in Ramsgate, said he had supported the BNP for six years. He said: "British people are becoming second-class citizens in our own country."

"With all the immigration now we are being asked to change our laws and customs to suit the ethnic minorities coming in."

Asked whether society was not just being tolerant and accepting of other cultures, he said: "They want to apply Sharia law and halal meat. If you went to Saudi Arabia and suggested building a church you would get stoned to death."

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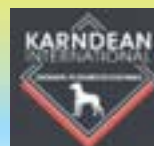


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But the harsh economy and rise and rise of the supermarkets has put local farmers and producers under ridiculous pressure.

What's more, it is threatening to rip out the heart of local communities by eroding jobs and the very heritage which gives Kent the proud boast of being the Garden of England.

We, as a media company serving the entire county of which we are so proud, decided we could not just stand by. We had to do something about it. So we have teamed up with family-run firms and local suppliers to launch [www.foodforkent.co.uk](http://www.foodforkent.co.uk). It is a first for the county – a one-stop shop where you can select the finest cuts of meat or the tastiest seasonal vegetables. All grown locally, delivered to your door and outstanding value for money.

What's more, every time you spend money buying from the people who plough our fields and fish our seas, they invest that money back into the local economy, be it through suppliers or services such as plumbers and electricians. It really does make a difference.

## Put your claws away

TV PET trainer Debbie Connolly is wrong to label Bengal cats 'Asbo cats'. As cat-lovers have pointed out, a whole breed should not be judged on the actions of only a few.

The way they are treated by their owners has more impact on their behaviour than their distant ancestry to Asian leopard cats.

## OPINION:

IS KENT County Council a sleeping policeman on the road to Burmese democracy?

With a UN envoy entering Burma for the first time in a year this week and wildcat strikes at Total oil refineries in Britain, Burma has gained a presence beyond its status as one of the world's worst dictatorships.

Recent KOS Media articles on the Death Railway between Thailand and Burma only seem to emphasise the UK's strong links with the former British colony. All 27 EU states ban new investment in Burma. All except France have suggested energy company Total, as the last remaining investor, should withdraw. Yet even France has begun to urge the UN to invoke its "responsibility to act" clause to break the log jam and deliver aid without waiting for the Burmese junta's approval.

French foreign minister Bernard Kouchner said the clause, which allows aid delivery to citizens if their governments fail them, should be invoked.

Total is the last main investor with its oil refineries and Yarden pipeline in southern Burma.

As the French state oil company, which is similar to our British Petroleum, France is the last country to ban Total's investment as well as a complete EU ban on investment in Burma.

Ethnic war rages in the north and east with thousands of refugees along the Thai-Burmese

## Total stop to this outrage

## The dictatorship in Burma is propped up by one last European investor. It's time to act, says Tim Garbutt

border and boat people being returned to Burma by the Thai navy. The UK has already succeeded in calling for British businesses to withdraw and the US bans investment in Burma.

And after the horrific impact of Cyclone Nargis in May last year, with more than 100,000 dead and the astonishing spectacle of US and EU ships off the coast of Rangoon unable to deliver aid, the Burmese government still refuses to reform. But isn't Burma "a quarrel in a far-away country between people of whom we know nothing" as Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain described Czechoslovakia in 1938 as the Nazis invaded?

Not quite. Burma's relationship with Kent is closer to home than you might think. Take Total.

With Kent that much nearer to France than the rest of the UK, it's perhaps not surprising that the 46 Total petrol stations in Kent represent a huge portion of their supply in the South East.

It is worth thinking about if you're considering filling up your

car at a Total station that you will be directly funding a regime that George Bush described as "war criminals".

The Total-Butler subsidiary provides fuel to Kent's schools and hospitals. Your taxes fund these contracts. Should your school be indirectly funding a military regime like Burma?

Total petrol yields £2.2 billion – the equivalent to every UK person spending £36.66 a year with Total.

And, if Total is blacklisted by every UN nation – except the EU itself because of France – then perhaps Kent, as the UK's only joint Euro-region, can have more influence than most in calling for an end to EU and French investment through Total in the Burmese generals.

Lord Boyce, of our own Dover Castle, and a former Chief of Defence Staff, has already instigated an examination of foreign policy failure in providing aid to Burma. The time must be right for KCC to live up to Alex King's adoption of the UN ethical investment policy and divest

their Total shares and tobacco shares. Or should we expect future KCC investment in North Korea next?

And shouldn't every council play their part in instigating a call-in on any future and existing Total petrol station applications?

Jobs lost in Kent? Well, not if as at Lincolnshire's Killingholme refinery, Total are merely bringing in their own EU contractors.

And shouldn't preference be given to BP and Shell rather than Total? Jobs wouldn't be lost, I believe, in ending Total's control, but created by securing jobs in ethical and expanding petrol corporations.

It might just help free the leader of the non-violent movement for human rights and democracy in Burma, Nobel laureate Aung San Suu Kyi, and create change in Burma.

Drive safely, Kent. And don't add fuel to the fire in Burma.

• **Tim Garbutt is managing director of Sincerity Agency, an ethical marketing company, based in Canterbury.**



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## Laying down the law

I write to correct your report on the BNP election victory. The BNP does not have a "whites first" agenda, as your reporter states.

What we would like to see is British people put first both in jobs and housing. In the early 1950s we had an influx of immigrants who have now been here for generations and quite rightly regard themselves as British and abide by British law.

Since Labour came to power there has been another influx. These immigrants are treating this country as an extension of the land they have left and we are expected to adjust our laws and customs to suit them. Sharia law and halal meat are just two examples. If they are not happy with our laws and customs there is nothing to keep them here, except perhaps our benefits system.

The BNP also has an anti-EU policy. We would, along with the vast majority of people, like to see Britain withdraw from Europe.

If Gordon Brown gave us the referendum he promised, he would see the results for himself. He won't, because he knows he would lose. Almost all laws passed by Brussels have benefited European countries but have been to the detriment of Britain.

*PJE Pepper, Ramsgate*

## Spinning into decline

I was amazed to hear Thanet South MP Dr Stephen Ladyman saying "it is a tragedy when the BNP wins seats anywhere".

Does his sentiment mean that he and other politicians are concerned that the rise of the BNP imperils and threatens MPs' salaries and perks?

A lot of MPs will be scratching around for a living after the next general election – if there are any jobs left by then. Or is he more concerned that voters have seen through the decades of spin that have seen the destruction of our industries, sacrifice of our fishing fleet, dismantling of our institutions and tra-

## BNP's heart of darkness

The election of a BNP councillor for Sevenoaks should be a warning to us all that racism, bigotry and hatred lies stirring in our midst here in Kent.

The past century has shown us too often what will be the consequences if we ignore such an evil philosophy as propounded by the BNP.

Genocide in Rwanda; slaughter of the innocents in Srebrenitsa; and the holocaust of the Jews across Europe. Never forgetting the tens of millions killed in two world wars. The BNP may well express valid concerns on such problems as housing, immigration or unemployment. But which democratic party does not?

A shortage of council housing won't be solved by deporting Polish plumbers or Indian bricklayers. Using their skills to

build more houses may though. Similarly, forcible repatriation of Filipina nurses or Ugandan doctors won't improve our health service or our ailing care homes but only worsen skill shortages.

And unemployment won't fall dramatically overnight if the hundreds of thousands of ethnic minority workers in London were given their cards and sent packing, as the BNP would have us do. Instead economic chaos would follow with riots the length and breath of the capital and beyond.

The BNP can never be a choice for those who believe democracy is our best weapon against such pure evil and that equality of mankind is its best shield.

*Donald Worsley, Labour parliamentary candidate for Folkestone and Hythe*

ditions and the rise of the surveillance state? Even our Union Flag has been described as a racist symbol. Whose side is he on? The people who vote BNP have seen there is an alternative and that the only party to stand up for the British people is the BNP.

*Harry Williams,*

*BNP parliamentary candidate for Shepway*

## Start listening, Steve

Rather than describing it as "a great loss and tragedy when the BNP win seats anywhere",

Stephen Ladyman should be looking at the reasons such a situation has come about.

Whatever one's opinion about the BNP, they abide by the democratic process. They state their policies, put up candidates for election and leave it to the voters to decide.

Quite where the tragedy lies in that escapes me. Dr Ladyman's party, along with the Lib Dems and the Tories, have created by their ill-thought-out policies on immigration, the conditions the BNP is now exploiting.

Unrestrained immigration has destabilised Britain to the extent that lifelong Labour and Conservative supporters now look to the BNP

to uphold their concerns. To dismiss the BNP as a fascist organisation is to obscure the reality of what is happening to our country. Britain is a liberal democracy, it will cease to be when the voice of its people is ignored. All any MP need do to determine the truth of this is listen to their constituents.

*Robert Muir, Westgate on Sea*

## Police deserve praise

It seems to me it is Gerry O'Donnell who is being hysterical about Kent Police's efforts to help combat homophobia through involvement in a writing competition.

As a gay man who has suffered from homophobic abuse and attacks, and having served on Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender/Kent Police liaison committees for 10 years, I fully support this and other activities to help tackle homophobia.

The modest amount of money being spent on the writing competition and other events is a preventative measure which will help reduce attacks and assist in reversing the great under-reporting of homophobia in schools, workplaces and in general, both now and in the future.

It is also part of police intelligence gathering policy to monitor the extent of bigotry in the county.

The same happens with other minority groups and is similar to the efforts of police and other agencies in Manchester and London to help prevent knife crime and other antisocial behaviour.

Indeed, during difficult times such as now it is even more important to help prevent people from taking their anger out on others.

It is surely far better to spend a little tax money to help prevent attacks now, than far more afterwards on hospital bills and court costs.

In my view the Campaign Against Political Correctness and Taxpayers' Alliance are

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## BIRTHS

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Richard and Vicky of Whitstable wish to celebrate the safe arrival of their second son, Matthew David, born on 22nd January 2009 at St Thomas Hospital Lambeth. Matthew was born at 6.19pm and weighed 7lb 6oz. A new baby brother for Daniel.

### CHAMPION

Rebecca and Rupert from Old Wives Lees are delighted to announce the birth of their son Timothy Rupert James. He was born on 12th February 2009 weighing 6lb 12oz. Many thanks to the staff at Canterbury Birth Centre for their care and support.

### CREED

Darryl and Aimee of Dunkirk proudly announce the birth of their beautiful baby boy, Zack Anthony Creed. Zack was born on 16th February 2009 at 2.34am. A new brother for Kian.

### DEAKIN

Ryan and Kelly of Faversham proudly announce the birth of their son, Tobias Lee Deakin, on 18th January 2009. Tobias was born at 1.20am and weighed 6lb. A new baby brother for Chloe and Kaideen.

### DENDY

Hollie-Emma Anne born 21st February 2009 weighing 9lb 9oz, daughter to Richard and Lisa, sister to Chloe, Cameron and Kirk.

### DYER

Paul and Kristina of Chatham are delighted to announce the birth of their beautiful son, Thomas George, on 29th January 2009. A new brother for Sam, Emily and Megan.

### FENGAS

Joshua born on 16th February 2009, weighing 9lbs 7ozs. Son to Alison and David Fengas of Manston. Brother to Daniel.

### FOORD

To Dean and Rebecca of Seasalter, a beautiful third daughter, Katy Michelle, born on 13th January 2009 at 9.09am weighing 6lb 15oz. A new baby sister for Amy and Emma.

### GROUT

Cliff and Janie of Canterbury are delighted to announce the birth of their beautiful daughter, Alice Susan, on 8th February 2009.

### HARRISON-JARRETT

Diane and Mike Harrison-Jarrett celebrate the birth of their son Toby James born on 13th February 2009 weighing 8lb 9oz.

### HAWKES

Dan Hawkes and Emma Lamb are happy to announce the birth of their beautiful son. Joseph John Hawkes was born on 10th February 2009 at The William Harvey Hospital weighing 7lb 12oz.

### HOPKINS

Zoe Susannah Natasha Hopkins born on 16th February 2009, weighing 7lb 12oz. Daughter to Emma and John Hopkins in Maidstone.

### HUDSON

Adam and Nicola celebrate the birth of their son Jack Alexander Hudson on 13th February 2009.

### LINK

Jason and Melissa are delighted to announce the arrival of their beautiful daughter Chelsea Marie on 9th February 2009 weighing 5lb 10oz. A sister for Aaron.

### MANVILLE

Cliff and Thelma of Herne Bay are delighted and proud to announce the birth of their beautiful daughter, Grace Marie, on 13th February 2009 at 20.26 weighing 6lb 3oz. A new baby sister for Alfred.

### MOORE

Jacqui and Scott from Westbrook celebrate the birth of their daughter Summer Angel Lily. Born on 20 January 2009 weighing 8lb. You are the miracle who we will love and treasure forever.

### MORRIS

Anneka and James Morris celebrate the birth of their son Owen James Brian Morris on 14th February 2009.

### NEWBURY-WHITAKER

Duane Whitaker and Katie Newbury of St Peters celebrate the birth of their son Dexter Wyatt Newbury-Whitaker on 20th February 2009.

### PHILLIPS

Gemma Merrells and Peter Phillips celebrate the birth of their twins Lacey and Morgan Phillips on 15th February 2009.

### PINNELL

Austin Edward born weighing 6lb 5oz on 14th February 2009 to proud parents Jane and Ellis of Tonbridge

### POPELY

Jordan, born on 11th February 2009, weighing 6lbs 12oz. Son to Andrew and Rebecca, baby brother to Sophie, Bethany, James, Tommie, and Summer in Harrietsham.

### PORTER

Ella Jayne Elizabeth Porter born on 15th February 2009, weighing 7lbs 2.5ozs. Daughter to proud parents Kyla and Alan.

### REED

Cameron Jayden James born on 3rd February 2009, weighing 4lbs 8oz. Son to Brendon and Christine. Mummy and Daddys special little angel.

### ROWLAND - HILL

James Ferguson born on 8th February 2009, weighing 9lbs 11 oz. Son to Helen and Nicholas Rowland - Hill in Ramsgate, a brother to Poppy.

### SINGH - DHALIWAL

Hardeep and Lucy of Herne Bay are very proud to announce the birth of their beautiful son, Jasraj, on 21st February 2009. A new baby brother for Harley.

### SMITH

Billy and Stacey of Adisham proudly announce the birth of their gorgeous son, Billyray, on 8th February at 11.53pm weighing 8lb 3oz. A new baby brother for Leve.

### SPILLETT

Ami and Roy of Ramsgate are delighted to announce the birth of their son Ronny Roy, born at QEOM on 9th February 2009, weighing 7lb 12oz.

### STACEY

Gemma and Darren are delighted to announce the birth of their son William Thomas Mark, born on 9th February 2009 at QEOM. Brother to Ellie Stacey.

### YAO

Jean and Akwa of Margate are delighted to announce the birth of their son Bentley Joy Christian Ndakpri, born at home on 26 January 2009. Brother to Dylan, Olivia and Axelle.

## DEATHS

### CHALMERS-STEVENS

Derek (Del) Chalmers-Stevens passed away on 15th February 2009. Dearly loved father of Michelle, Louis, and Joe, Funeral service at Vinters Park Crematorium at 3:30pm on Thursday 5th March. Family flowers only, donation may be made to The British Heart Foundation c/o Welham Jones Funerals, Sevenoaks.

### FINCH

Janet Finch of Bridge passed away peacefully on 18th February 2009 aged 69 years. Beloved wife of David, a loving mum to Iain and Paul and a much loved nanny to Jade, Jack, Hollie, Thomas, George, James, Daniel, Henry James and Samuel. The funeral is to be held on 27th February at 11am at Patricxbourne Church. No flowers by request. Would everyone attending please refrain from wearing anything black.

### HALES

Richard Hales of Lower Halstow passed away on 21st February aged 83. Will be sadly missed by all his family.

### HOPKINS

Frederick Hopkins of Graveney passed away peacefully on 18th February 2009 - reunited with his wife Gladys. A much loved grandad to Grant and great grandad to Faith - he will be very sadly missed. The funeral will be held at Barham crematorium on Tuesday March 3rd at 12.40pm.

### HUNT-DUKE

Mrs Thelma Florence Hunt-Duke of Cheriton, sister of Sylvia Duggan, Brenda Grainger and Doris De Monte, died on 16th February 2009 aged 82. Funeral to be held at Hawkinge Crematorium on Wednesday 4th March at 2pm. Enquiries to Sterrys Funeral Directors.

### KEMP

Sally June Kemp of Canterbury passed away peacefully on 19th February 2009. The much loved wife of Ivan and loving mum to David, Darran and Martin. A beloved daughter and sister to Evelyn, Susan, Judy, Ruth and Timothy, and a much loved Nan to all her grandchildren. She will be so very sadly missed by all. Funeral enquiries to Lyons of Canterbury.

### MARVELL

Noel, 8th February 2009, lost his battle with CF, beloved son, brother, uncle, nephew and friend. Funeral at Barham Crematorium, 3rd March at 2.40pm. Family flowers only - donations to CF Trust.

### McKAY

Robert McKay (Jock) passed away suddenly at home in Dover on 21st February aged 90. Dearly loved husband of Rita, adored Father of Robert, Sandra, Tina and Ian, and much loved Grandfather to all his grandchildren.

### O'GRADY

Helen Jane of Bethersden passed away peacefully on 16th February 2009. Friends and relatives are welcome to her funeral but please contact Earl and Co of Ashford for details. No flowers by request but donations to Weald Society for the Disabled.

### O'CONNOR

John J passed away on 14th February 2009. Beloved husband of Linda and devoted father to Mark, Teresa, Jason, Alexander, Michael and Colin and much loved grandfather to his many grandchildren. His funeral is to be held at Barham Crematorium on 2nd March at 10.40am. At Johns request, no flowers but donations to The British Heart Foundation. Johns family will be gathering at The Coach and Horses, Whitstable after the funeral service.

### O'MAHONEY

Cornelius Finbar of Sittingbourne passed away peacefully on 17th February 2009 surrounded by his family and the music he loved. A much loved dad to son Paul and daughter in law Katie, daughter Ciara and son Damian. A loving grandad to Chanel, Charley, Lee,

Lacey and Devon. Tottenham Hotspur will be losing their biggest fan. The service will take place on 5th March at 10am at The Sacred Heart Church in Sittingbourne. Followed by the funeral at Bobbing at 11am. Family flowers only please.

### SAUNDERS (KADIR)

Daphne Saunders of Cliftonville passed away peacefully on 11th February 2009. Enquiries to Blackburns Funeral Directors, Broadstairs 01843 862897. To live in the hearts of those left behind is to live forever.

### WALLACE

Michael Frederick Wallace of Canterbury passed away very suddenly on 13th February 2009. The much loved husband of Wendy and loving dad to Ian, Dan, Samantha, Tina and Lisa. A loving grandad to seventeen grandchildren. He will be very sadly missed. Please contact the family regarding the details of the funeral.

### WHITFIELD

Eric Whitfield of Barming passed away on 20th February 2009. Enquiries to Sears Funerals, Barming 01622 725035.

### WOODFINE

On the 17th February 2009 Eileen, of Boughton under Bleau, sadly passed away at Kent and Canterbury Hospital, after a short illness. Loving mother of Alan, Carol and Neil, daughters in law Gail and Lesley and son in law Fred. A much treasured Nanna to Christopher, Stephen, Stephanie, Ben and Emily. The funeral will be held on Thursday 26th February at 2.40 at Barham Crematorium. Any enquiries to Hogben and Partis 01795 532319.

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being myopic. Anyone who promotes intolerance, locally or nationally, should be ignored.

*Ray Duff, Folkestone*

## Let's be having you

Now that KCC has appointed traffic officers to carry out some of the work done by the police, it is timely to reflect on other agencies that have taken over constabulary duties from the police.

They are: parking attendants, vehicle removal companies, dog wardens, environmental health officers, the Highways Agency, pub door staff, the DVLA, prisoner escorts, CCTV operators, community wardens, victim support, court prosecutors, the Vehicle and Operator Services Agency, street pastors, Serious Fraud Office, immigration officers, National Criminal Intelligence Service, parks constabularies, Serious Organised Crime Agency, and of course, the ever-present seat-belt/mobile phone/bus lane/speed/box junction camera operators.

Additionally, with police reluctant to respond to intruder alarms, companies are resorting to private security firms.

Within the police framework, civilians now do many jobs previously done by warranted officers: jailers, station receptionists, radio operators, scenes or crime work... there are even enquiry staff doing CID work.

They have help from Neighbourhood Watch, Crimestoppers, Storewatch, Schoolwatch, Crimewatch, Lorrywatch etc.

Police presence on the street is not all it seems, either. Most people can now recognise a community support officer, but how many

would recognise a volunteer special when they saw one?

The true number of bobbies is further fudged by the assistance of British Transport Police, Ministry of Defence Police and Military Police. With special squads dedicated to burglary, terrorism, robbery, traffic, guns, drugs, sexual offences and vehicle crime, it would seem the likelihood of finding a proper copper is very remote.

However, they can be identified by the array of equipment carried, including quick cuffs, leg restraints, extendable batons, incapacity sprays, tasers, guns, ballistic- and stab-proof vests, personal radios, mobile phones, handheld computers, mobile fingerprint terminals and video cameras.

They have the use of top-of-the-range Volvos and BMWs, vans with cages and helicopters. Bus-loads of public order officers will be waiting nearby to render assistance with their shields, crow bars, and sniffer dogs.

In short, the police have delegated much of their work to civilians even though there are many more, better equipped officers than ever before.

Let us hope this is an end to the excuses we have come to expect from police forces all over England trying to explain their poor response and service.

*K Wells, Maidstone*

## Short-sighted pay cut

That KCC has voted to cut the pay of its workers is hardly a surprise, but it is a decision that must be condemned.

Council workers have been offered just one per cent against current inflation rates of around three per cent.

In times of recession KCC needs to inject

money into our economy, not take it out. By shrinking Kent's economy more than it is already shrinking, KCC is putting others' jobs at risk. County councillors need to rethink their decision.

For anyone suggesting that workers are lucky to have a job, it is worth remembering that a large proportion of KCC staff are not paid huge amounts and for people on lower incomes keeping pace with inflation is essential.

KCC must look after its staff – and remember that public sector workers are the backbone of society.

KCC claims it must keep spending down in times of recession but, as we now all know, economists across the world are saying differently.

KCC has failed to look after public money, losing £50 million on bad investments and wasting cash on pointless publicity such as Kent TV.

It should try to make amends and look after its staff and inject money into Kent's economy.

*Stuart Jeffery, Green Party parliamentary candidate, Maidstone and the Weald*

## Failing our children

I read with interest Peter Gilroy's comments on children in care in Thanet.

It was the Labour group on Thanet District Council who in 1995 demanded KCC provide statistics to show how many children being fostered or cared for in Thanet came from other areas, including the rest of Kent.

Only when we pushed at quality of life meetings and later at a public meeting at Margate Winter Gardens did we feel we were getting anywhere. Mr Gilroy's 2004 report is

valuable and should not only be looked at by his Conservative bosses at County Hall when an election is imminent.

In the meantime, we might all like to think about why children end up in care and the adults who have failed them.

*Cllr Iris Johnston, Thanet council*

## Worthy representative

When I cast my vote for an elected representative, there are a number of things I expect from them in protecting my interests as a voter.

Among them is holding officers to account for their efforts and expenditure of my council tax in ways that improve my quality of life and tackle the problems important to me.

I also want to be reassured that I have cast my vote for the right person, rather than the other available alternatives.

Having read Cllr Chris Wells's opinion piece on the difficulties in Cliftonville, followed by the response from a senior officer being held to account, and a political opponent crying foul, I think Cllr Wells has more than proved he is worthy of being our representative, and urge all who have the chance to cast their votes for him and his honesty in the forthcoming county elections in June.

*Susan Sharpe, Margate*

## Not really local, is it?

Am I the only viewer who dislikes the new Meridian local news? It includes reports from Portsmouth and Reading – but I live in Whitstable.

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Recently, the lunchtime news said Prime Minister Gordon Brown was in our area. This turned out to be Southampton.

No mention of Charlton Athletic in the sports round-up, but have they seen the number of coaches and cars travelling to The Valley for home games? Many people in Kent originally come from London.

Come on Meridian, give us back our own news, please.

*DW Lark, Tankerton*

## Two's costly company

John Warnett does a good breakfast show on BBC Radio Kent and has done for some years, on his own.

Now though, he has a female assistant. If there are two presenters, doesn't this mean two salaries instead of one? Is this the best use of licence payers' money? The public are watching you, BBC.

*Marc Hurstfield, Northfleet*

## Dodging the question

KCC leader Cllr Paul Carter attempts to deflect justified criticism of his administration, which insists on maintaining a vast gulf between KCC's lowest and highest pay-packets, by saying Labour councillors "aren't listening or reading their council papers".

Of course we were aware his administration was already in discussion with the unions about getting rid of the bottom pay grade.

In fact, the amendment to KCC's budget which we proposed at last week's council meeting offered the Conservatives an easy way to make the unions a bit happier and perhaps help avoid strike action. But still they voted against something they say they are interested in doing anyway.

Could it be that what Cllr Carter and his Conservative colleagues really objected to was Labour's attempt to bring transparency and restraint to bear on the salaries of KCC's most senior officers?

At that meeting I asked Cllr Carter whether he would comment on recent media reports that the Conservatives nationally wish to address the issue of "super-inflation of chief executive pay" by merging clusters of councils, thereby disposing of many chief executive posts and forcing the remainder to run larger 'economic areas' or take on additional functions such as running primary care trusts.

This question is particularly interesting given Cllr Carter's support (also reported by KOS Media last week) for David Cameron's calls that more power should be taken away from many regional agencies and for local councils to come together to take on some of their responsibilities.

Anyone who visits the following web page, [http://www.kentlabour.org.uk/html/cc\\_questions.html](http://www.kentlabour.org.uk/html/cc_questions.html), and clicks on 'County Council Questions 19th February 2009' will be able to judge for themselves whether or not Cllr Carter satisfactorily answered my question.

*Cllr Mike Eddy,  
Labour group leader, KCC*

## Sold down the river

The Conservatives persuaded the country that privatisation would lead to greater competition and drive down prices.

New Labour was happy to see public ownership of gas, electricity and water dismantled and made no serious attempt to reverse the botched privatisation of the railways.

And the result? Prices have gone up and up and foreign companies have gained significant stakes in our core industries.

The recent hike in rail prices is another kick in the teeth for beleaguered taxpayers. The proposed part-privatisation looks like another bum deal for the British taxpayer.

We pick up the tab for pensions while a foreign company comes in to skim off the profits.

If the politicians at Westminster had not squandered public money on half-baked initiatives, had kept out of wars, and had con-

trolled expenses (including their own), there would have been money enough to finance the modernisation of energy, the transport network, health and education.

*Michael Charles, Gravesend*

## On your high horse

I agree with the letters Dobbin of the Downs, from Ted Prangnell, and It's just a white horse, by Derek Parris

I don't see the point of having the giant Ebbsfleet horse sculpture. It's not much to look at and I think it would distract the drivers on the busy roads. And the £2 million cost could be spent on better things.

And if it gets vandalised or has graffiti sprayed over it, who foots the repair bill?

They might as well give the spot over to real white horses. It would probably cost a lot less, too.

This landmark is mainly for the London 2012 Olympics, so it will probably end up as a white elephant. To end on a cheerful note, why not put a sculpture of Muffin the Mule there? It wouldn't be any worse and would look more amusing.

*J Missons, Dartford*

## An injection of sense

In his complaint about the MMR vaccine, PJE Pepper writes: "I always thought doctors put the welfare of their patients first".

They do. That's why they give the MMR vaccine. There is no dictatorship. Separate injections are not banned, but there is a charge. Surely parents who feel so strongly about simple injections (against universal medical opinion) should be willing to pay?

*Arthur J Tutbury, Faversham*

## Clegg's damaging idea

We are all seeing the results of years of cost-cutting and under-funding on our road system as we dodge from pothole to pothole, but Nick Clegg MP, the Lib Dem leader, now proposes a £980,000 cut in road maintenance funding.

I hope readers remember this come election time, along with all their other anti-car policies.

Every pothole that we thump down not only damages our vehicles but also damages underground pipework.

Now would be an excellent opportunity for the Government to release the billions collected in motoring taxes to not only repair roads, but the infrastructure beneath the roads, including the laying of cables for high-speed broadband that this country now lags behind on.

Such major public building works would benefit all, ease unemployment and kick-start our economy

*Terry Hudson, Herne Bay*

## Memories of battle

I am writing a book to be published later this year entitled: Battle of Britain Kent – The Long Hot Summer of 1940.

Much has been written about the battle, but this book is to take a new format.

I would like to hear from anyone in the county who has memories – whether military or civilian – and could put them in a letter to me.

Interwoven with the main text will be stories of personal heroism etc. Any photographs received will be copied and returned as soon as possible and a credit will be given in the book. I can be contacted at the address and telephone number below.

Thank you.

*Robin J Brooks, 23 Langdale Rise,  
Maidstone ME16 0EX. Tel: 01622 675847*

## Just try slowing down

There is a simple answer to Phil Grainger when he says speed cameras are there to raise money.

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*David Burgess, Hawkhurst*

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## Retraining advice at hand for jobless

A COLLEGE in Kent has launched a free redundancy rescue package to people who have lost or are facing losing their jobs.

West Kent College has won funding from the Learning and Skills Council to provide the service, which offers support to help with job hunting, careers advice and guidance and retraining and education.

Alison Larcombe, the project manager, said: "We have reacted positively and quickly to the downturn in our local economy and have put an effective package together to support retraining and career guidance."

A drop-in centre at the Tunbridge Wells Gateway will also offer a variety of services including free internet access and links to housing and debt counselling.

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## Teaching gets a 'virtual' lift with LabSkills

PHARMACEUTICAL giants Pfizer has helped develop a new 'revolutionary' e-learning tool for science teachers.

The LabSkills programme enables students to carry out 'virtual' experiments and practise their technique before letting them loose in the classroom.

It has been provided free to all trainee chemistry teachers through the joint educational project Discover Chemistry, between the UK's national academy of science the Royal Society and Pfizer.

Dr Tony Wood, vice president and worldwide head of medicinal chemistry at the company's global research and development plant at Sandwich, said: "Discover Chemistry aims to capitalise on the excellent education work that many institutions and groups are developing. We bring their ideas and resources together to help expand successful schemes like LabSkills."

"In research-based companies such as Pfizer there is a growing demand for scientists to have strong problem-solving and experimental capabilities."

By **JENNA PUDELEK**

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tists to have strong problem-solving and experimental capabilities.

"LabSkills could revolutionise the way practical chemistry is approached in schools."

"By encouraging students to prepare for their experimental work it will help them to view practical chemistry as something much more than a recipe-following exercise."

"Through enhanced independence they will be better equipped to meet the future needs of industry."

Pfizer is providing £1 million of funding over three to five years to help support initiative such as this virtual lab software, which is based on work developed at the University of Bristol.

Dr Wood added: "Positive experiences in practical chemistry at school are key in influencing the paths of many would-be scientists. This is an opportunity we must harness."

A recent report by education watchdog Ofsted called Success in Science found that schools which focus on how science works in a practical, hands-on way were better at teaching the subject.

But Discover Chemistry said that learning practical experimental skills was under threat due to concerns new teachers were not equipped with the same confidence to teach science in a practical way.

Kate Bellingham, former TV presenter and newly appointed as the national Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (Stem) careers co-ordinator, said: "As a former Tomorrow's World presenter and scientific experimenter it was fun to just 'try it and see'."

"With this software, I was able to 'blow up the lab' quite safely, learning how to avoid the same mistakes in reality. Practical scientific skills are so useful in many areas, and are vital to the chemists of the future."

"As a former teacher myself, I know LabSkills will add an extremely valuable new dimension to the study of chemistry while being informative and engaging."

## Presidential award for Kent alumnus

A CONSERVATIONIST who trained at a Kent university has been awarded with one of the highest citizen accolades in Kenya.

Benson Okita-Ouma has been appointed a Moran of the Burning Spear (MBS) by the east African country's president Mwai Kibaki in recognition of his service to rhinoceros conservation and national development.

The University of Kent alumnus studied at the Durrell Institute of Conservation and Ecology (Dice) between 2003-2004.

He said: "It is very gratifying that our dedication to wildlife and rhino conservation, as well as community work, has been recognised by the president and the Kenyan government. I am forever grateful for the training I received at Dice."

After receiving his MSc in conservation biology with distinction, Mr Okita went on to become senior scientist and then rhino coordinator with the Kenyan Wildlife Service.

Nigel Leader-Williams, professor of biodiversity management and director of Dice, said: "The recovery of black rhino populations in Kenya and in southern Africa is one of the foremost science driven conservation programmes in Africa."

"It is wonderful to see another Dice alumnus honoured for using his training and the results of his dissertation to further conservation goals."

## Important lessons for entrepreneurs

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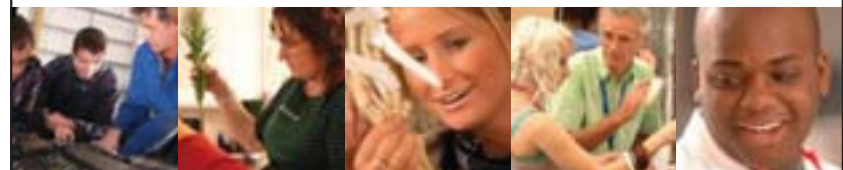
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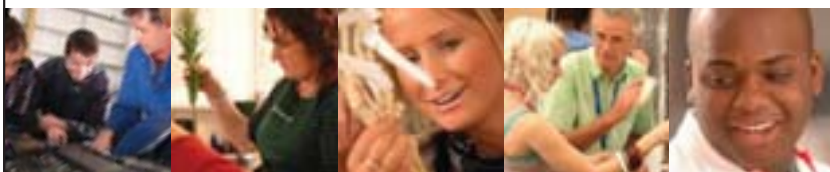
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### Domestic

#### Cleaner Supervisor

**Dover**  
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Cleaning supervisor required for Dover port. Mon-Fri 0445-0630. Own vehicle to transport 4 staff to quayside essential. £20 per shift. Please call 02380742826 quoting ref. 206.

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#### Assessors

**Ashford**  
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Variable Hours Based in Folkestone/Dover/Ashford With campuses in Ashford, Folkestone and Dover, South Kent College offers a wide range of courses from Entry Level to Level 7 and caters for over 10,000 students of all ages. We are currently recruiting for Assessors in all vocational areas including Catering, Construction, Motor Vehicle, Engineering, Business Administration and Customer Care. Main duties include assessing workplace students up to NVQ Level 3 and Key

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**Thanet**  
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#### Primary Care Based Psychological Therapists

**Ashford**  
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#### Locum and Bank Psychological Therapists

**Kent**  
**Salary:** TBA

**Closing Date:** Monday 9 March  
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#### Senior Practitioner

**Rochester**  
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#### Public Sector, Social Services

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For more detailed information and an application pack call 01622 677055 or email [kpaenquiries@kent.pnn.police.uk](mailto:kpaenquiries@kent.pnn.police.uk). Closing date 9 March 2009.  
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#### STANDARDS COMMITTEE

**Maidstone**  
**Salary:** TBA  
**Closing Date:** 13 March 2009  
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Highways - District of Ashford

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (VARIOUS ROADS, CHILHAM) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that because of the installation of a new water main, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on Various Roads, Chilham, as described in columns 1 & 2 of the Schedule, on or after 16 March 2009, for an estimated period of six weeks or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be as shown in column 3 of the schedule.

SCHEDULE

Specified Road	Length of road affected	Alternative route	Programmed date
Phase 1			
Bagham Lane, Chilham	Between the junctions with A28 Ashford Road and Bagham Road	Via A28 Ashford Road and A252 Canterbury Road	From 16 March 2009 for up to five days.
Phase 2			
Branch Road, Chilham	Between the junctions of A28 Ashford Road and Branch Road	Via A28 Ashford Road, A252 Canterbury Road and Bagham Road	From 30 March 2009 for up to five days.

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (FLOOD STREET, MERSHAM) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that because of BT works to replace a telegraph pole and cabling, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on Flood Street, Mersham, between the junctions with Bank Road and Coopers Lane, on 18 March 2009 for an estimated period of three days or until such works are complete. It is planned that the works will be carried out between the hours of 9.30 am and 3.30 pm, with the road re-opened outside these hours.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via Chequer Tree Farm Road, Frith Road, Laws Lane and Bank Road.

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (GRANARY COURT ROAD, SMEETH) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that because of works to provide a new electrical supply, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Granary Court Road, Smeeth between The Firs and Towers Cottage, on 16 March 2009, for an estimated period of one week or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via Plain Road and Pound Lane.

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (APPLEDORE ROAD, TENTERDEN) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that because Carriageway Resurfacing works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on B2080 Appledore Road, Tenterden from between Highbank Farm and Reading Street on or after 18 March 2009 for an estimated period of two nights or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via B2067 Brook Street, C162 Appledore Road, Woodchurch Road and C161 School Road.

This order will come into force on Wednesday 18 March 2009, will be in operation when the appropriate signs are erected and will remain valid for a period of eighteen months. The order will allow the above mentioned restrictions to be implemented as and when required for works of a similar nature at any time for the duration of the order.

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (A28 ASHFORD ROAD, TENTERDEN) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that because Surfacing works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on A28 Ashford Road, Tenterden from its junction with Beacon Oak Road and Oaks Road on or after 16 March 2009 for an estimated period of three nights (20:00 - 05:00) or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via B2067 Oaks Road, B2067 East Hill and B2080 Beacon Oak Road.

This order will come into force on Monday 16 March 2009, will be in operation when the appropriate signs are erected and will remain valid for a period of eighteen months. The order will allow the above mentioned restrictions to be implemented as and when required for works of a similar nature at any time for the duration of the order.

Highways - District of Canterbury

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (HATCH LANE, CHARTHAM) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that because of BT works to renew poles and cables, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Hatch Lane, Chartham, from outside the disused quarry (approximately 50 metres south of the level crossing), to the junction with New Town Street, on or after 2 March 2009, for an estimated period of 5 days or until such works are complete. It is anticipated that the works will be carried out between the hours of 9.30 am and 3.30 pm with the road re-opened outside these hours.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via A28 Ashford Road, Howfield Lane and Town Lane.

Highways - Borough of Dartford

**KENT COUNTY COUNCIL SOUTHFLEET ROAD, BETSHAM ROAD, HIGHCROSS ROAD WHITEHILL ROAD & SANDBANKS HILL, BEAN (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION AND RESTRICTION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on Southfleet Road, Bean from its junction with School Lane and Betsham Road and Betsham Road, Highcross Road and Sandbanks Hill, Bean for their entire lengths. This Order will also suspend the 6'6" width restriction on Whitehill Road for the duration of the works.

The Order will become effective on 2nd March 2009, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months, the works are planned to last 1 week. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative routes for the routes described above will be via:

Southfleet Road/ Highcross Road: From A2/B255 junction, A296 Princes Road, Gore Road, Green Street Green Road, Main Road, Whitehill Road

Betsham Road/Sandbanks Hill: From Betsham Road junction, Park Corner Road, Station Road, Westwood Road, Station Road, Dale Road, Hook Green Road

The purpose of the Order is to facilitate high friction surfacing to be applied to the carriageway.

**KENT COUNTY COUNCIL POWDER MILL LANE, DARTFORD (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on Powder Mill Lane, Dartford for its entire length.

The Order will become effective on 2nd March 2009, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months, the works are planned to last 1 Sunday. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the route described above will be via: Lowfield Street and Princes Road

The purpose of the Order is to facilitate the access to a BT roadway box.

Highways - Borough of Gravesham

**KENT COUNTY COUNCIL THE PARADE, GRAVESEND (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on The Parade, Gravesend, in two sections. The First section will close the road from its junction of St Thomas Avenue for a distance of 45 metres and the second section will close the entire length. This Order will make the link road between The Parade and Valley Drive two way whilst the first section is closed. This Order will also suspend parking from the end of the closed section and the property numbered 12.

The Order will become effective on 16th March 2009, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months, the works are planned to last a total of 8 weeks. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

There is no alternative route for the route described above.

The purpose of the Order is to facilitate the construction of a new Tesco Store Development and the required carriageway works associated with this project.

**KENT COUNTY COUNCIL BROWN ROAD, GRAVESEND (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on Brown Road, Gravesend between its junction with Old Road East and the side of 186 Rochester Road.

The Order will become effective on 16th March 2009, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months, the works are planned to last up to 8 weeks. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the route described above will be via: Old Road East, Rochester Road, Forge Lane, Jubilee Crescent, Hampton Crescent

The purpose of the Order is to facilitate the installation of a new electrical supply.

Highways - District of Sevenoaks

**KENT COUNTY COUNCIL A224 LONDON ROAD, SEVENOAKS & LINGFIELD ROAD, EDENBRIDGE (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on A224 London Road, Sevenoaks between its junctions with Hitchen Hatch Lane and Braeside Avenue and on Lingfield Road, Edenbridge between the Edenbridge bypass and the county boundary.

The Order will become effective on 16th March 2009, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months, the works on A224 London Road are planned to last up to 5 nights between 7pm and 6am commencing 18th March and the works on Lingfield Road are planned to last 5 days commencing 26th March. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative routes for the routes described above will be via:

A224 London Road, Sevenoaks: A25 Maidstone Road, A25 Bradbourne Vale Road, A225 St Johns Hill, A225 Dartford Road, B2020 St Botolphs Road  
Lingfield Road, Edenbridge: B2026 Mill Hill, B2028 Marsh Green Road/Moor Lane/Racecourse Road/Town Hill/High Street/Plaiستow Street, B2029 Godstone Road, Lingfield Common Road, Haxted Road, Lingfield Road.

The purpose of the Order is to facilitate Carriageway Resurfacing works to be undertaken.

**KENT COUNTY COUNCIL MADAN ROAD, WESTERHAM (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on Madan Road, Westerham from its junction with A20 London Road for a distance of 20m in an easterly direction.

The Order will become effective on 16th March 2009, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months, the works on are planned to last up to 3 weeks. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the route described above will be via: A20 London Road, Hartley Road and Madan Road

The purpose of the Order is to facilitate Gas main replacement works to be undertaken.

**KENT COUNTY COUNCIL SEAL HOLLOW ROAD, SEVENOAKS (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on Seal Hollow Road, Sevenoaks between its junctions with Bayham Road and Park Lane.

The Order will become effective on 16th March 2009, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months, the works are planned to last up to 1 week. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the route described above will be via: A25 Seal Road, A225 St Johns Hill, A225 Dartford Road.

The purpose of the Order is to facilitate essential tree works to be undertaken.

Highways - District of Swale

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (SHEPHERDS HILL, SELLING) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that because of the installation of a new water main, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Shepherds Hill, Selling between the junction with Grove Road and the intersection of Shepherds Hill adjacent to The Gate Lodge, on or after 16 March 2009, for an estimated period of 5 days or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via Grove Road, Perry Wood and Selling Road.

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (MUNSGORE LANE, BORDEN) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that because of BT works to renew a faulty cable, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting traffic on Munsgore Lane, Borden, between the junction of School Lane and the junction of Oad Street, on or after 2 March 2009, for an estimated period of two days or until such works are complete. It is proposed that the work will be carried out between the hours of 9.30am and 3.30pm with the road re-opened outside these hours.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via School Lane, Pond Farm Road, Oad Street.

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (HORN HILL, MILSTEAD) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that because BT are carrying out cable replacement, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting traffic on Horn Hill, Milstead from the junction with Frinstead Road to the junction with Bottom Pond Road, on or after 2 March 2009, for an estimated period of four days or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via Frinstead Road, Bottom Pond Road, Cherry Hill and Rawling Street.

For further information, please contact Kent Highway Services, on 08458 247 800 (local rate) or visit [www.kent.gov.uk/highways](http://www.kent.gov.uk/highways)



**Highways - District of Thanet**

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL  
(ST LUKES AVENUE, RAMSGATE) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)  
TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS)  
ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that because gas mains replacement works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting traffic on St Lukes Avenue, Ramsgate from St Lukes Avenue at its junction with A254 Margate Road on or after 2 March 2009 for an estimated period of 6 weeks or until such works are complete. The Order will remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via College Road & Holly Road.

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL  
(VARIOUS ROADS, THANET) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY  
ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED  
BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that because Carriageway Improvement works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on various roads, Thanet from as described in column 1 of the schedule to this order on or after 16 March 2009 for an estimated period of five weeks or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via as described in column 3 of the schedule to this order.

Specified Road	Length of Road Affected	Alternative Routes
High Street, Broadstairs	Between Prospect Place and Albion Street	Carlton Avenue, Lindenthorpe Avenue, Crow Hill, Nelson Place and Albion Street Or via Charlotte Street, York Street, York Avenue and Queens Road
Charlotte Street and John Street, Broadstairs	Entire Lengths	High Street, Queens Road, York Avenue, Oscar Road and Victoria Parade.

This order will come into force on Monday 16 March 2009, will be in operation when the appropriate signs are erected and will remain valid for a period of eighteen months. The order will allow the above mentioned restriction to be implemented as and when required for works of a similar nature at any time for the duration of the order.

**Highways - Borough of Tonbridge & Malling**

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL  
(PIERCE MILL LANE, EAST PECKHAM) (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)  
TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS)  
ACT 1991**

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Pierce Mill Lane outside of 1 Pierce Mill Cottages on or after Monday 16th March 2009 for a period of up to 10 days or until such works are completed.

The alternative route for the route described above is for northbound traffic via Three Elm Lane, Tonbridge Road, Addlestead Road, Hatches Lane and for southbound traffic vice versa.

Scotia Gas Networks apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works, which are necessary to install a new service. Should you require any further information about these works, the contact is Amy Colvin on 01689 881315.

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL  
(A26 TONBRIDGE ROAD, BARMING) (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)  
TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS)  
ACT 1991**

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on A26 Tonbridge Road, Barming between the junctions of B2163 Teston Lane and Glebe Lane on or after Thursday 19th March 2009 for a period of up to 2 nights between 2200hrs and 0500hrs or until such works are completed.

The alternative route for the route described above is for westbound traffic via B2246 Fountain Lane, B2246 Hermitage Lane, A20 London Road, A228 Ashton Way, A228 kings Hill, A228 Malling Road and for eastbound traffic vice versa.

Kent Highway Services apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works, which are necessary for carriageway resurfacing. Should you require any further information about these works, the contact is Darren Hickman on 08458 247 800.

**Highways - Borough of Tunbridge Wells**

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL  
(QUEENS ROAD, HAWKHURST) (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)  
TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984  
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS)  
ACT 1991**

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Queens Road, Hawkhurst between the junctions of Dunlop Court and Queens Court on or after Monday 16th March 2009 for a period of up to 3 weeks or until such works are completed.

The alternative route for the route described above is for northbound traffic via Rye Road, Cranbrook Road, Heartenoak Road and for southbound traffic vice versa.

Kent Highway Services apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works, which are necessary for highway improvement works. Should you require any further information about these works, the contact is Darren Hickman on 08458 247 800.

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL  
(BARDEN ROAD, SPELDHURST) (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC AND  
WAITING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION  
ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY  
RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL, acting as the local traffic authority and in exercise of its powers under Section 14 of The Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended by Section 14 of the Road Traffic (Temporary Restrictions) Act 1991 and all other enabling powers, hereby makes the following order prohibiting the use by traffic on Barden Road, Speldhurst between Furzefield Avenue and Speldhurst Hill.

1. NOTICE is hereby given that because footway works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road (necessary highway maintenance/excavation in carriageway), that traffic on Barden Road, Speldhurst should be prohibited
2. In exercise of it's aforementioned powers, The Kent County Council hereby Has made an order to prohibit through traffic on the roads described in Column 1 and 2 of the schedule.

The alternative route for each route is described in Column 3 of the Schedule.

The Order will come into operation on or after 2nd March 2009, and will be valid for a maximum period of 18 months or until the works have been completed, whichever is sooner.

3. The order may be cited as "The Kent County Council (Barden Road, Speldhurst) (Prohibition of Traffic) Temporary Order 2009.

**SCHEDULE 1**

1. Specified Road	2. Section Affected	3. Diversion Route
Barden Road, Speldhurst	Furzefield Avenue to Speldhurst Hill	Speldhurst Hill, Etherington Hill, Speldhurst Road, A26 London Road, B2079 Bidborough Ridge, Penshurst Road and Barden Road.

Advance road works information boards will be placed prior to works commencing on site, giving details as to when the works are scheduled to commence and expected duration.

The Order will come into operation on or after 2nd March 2009, and will be in operation when the appropriate signs are erected and will remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months or until the works have been completed, whichever is sooner.

The order will allow the above mentioned restrictions to be implemented as and when required for works of a similar nature at any time for the duration of the works.

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (VARIOUS ROADS,  
TONBRIDGE and MALLING)  
(WAITING RESTRICTIONS AND ON-STREET PARKING  
PLACES) (CONSOLIDATION) ORDER  
(NOTICE OF VARIATION No 2) 2009**

This notice of variation is given by Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council pursuant to Section 46A of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and of all other enabling powers. It contains the information required by Regulation 25 of the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure)(England and Wales) Regulations 1996. The Council proposes to vary the charge for a resident permit as listed in Part J, Table (Article 48) of The Kent County Council (Various Roads, Tonbridge and Malling) (Waiting Restrictions and On-Street Parking Places) (Consolidation) Order, 2008 as follows: In Zones D, E, F, G, H, J, K, L, M, N, and P the annual charge of £25.00 will increase to £30.00.

This notice may be cited as THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (VARIOUS ROADS, TONBRIDGE and MALLING) (WAITING RESTRICTIONS AND ON-STREET PARKING PLACES) (CONSOLIDATION) ORDER (NOTICE OF VARIATION No 2) 2009 and shall come into force on Wednesday 1 April 2009.

David Hughes  
Chief Executive



**NOTICE OF PUBLIC PATH ORDER  
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990, SECTION 257  
AND PARAGRAPH 1 OF SCHEDULE 14**

**TONBRIDGE AND MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL  
PUBLIC FOOTPATH MR488A (PART) AYLESFORD  
PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION ORDER 2009**

The above order was made on 23 February 2009. The effect of the order will be to divert the public footpath MR488A running from NGR TQ 7263 5654 (point A on the Order map) in a generally north westerly direction for approximately 106 metres to NGR TQ 7255 5661 (point B on the Order map) to a new length of footpath numbered MR488A with a width of 2 metres commencing at the aforementioned point A and runs in a generally northerly direction for approximately 61 metres to NGR TQ 7263 5660 (point C on the Order map).

All directions are general and all distances approximate.

A copy of the Order and the Map may be seen free of charge at the offices of Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council, Gibson Building, Gibson Drive, Kings Hill, West Malling, ME19 4LZ, during normal office hours. Copies of the Order and Map may be purchased.

Any representation about or objection to the Order may be sent in writing to the Central Services Director (reference Legal/CC), Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council, Gibson Drive, Kings Hill, West Malling, ME19 4LZ, before 29 March 2009. Please state the grounds on which it is made.

If no such representations or objections are duly made, or if any so made are withdrawn, Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council may itself confirm the Order as an unopposed Order. If the Order is sent to the Secretary of State for the Environment for confirmation any representations or objections which have not been withdrawn will be sent with the Order.

David Hughes  
Chief Executive



Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council  
Dated 27 February 2009

**TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL  
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACTS –  
NOTICES OF APPLICATIONS**

The following applications have been submitted to the Council and are being advertised for the reason(s) given in each case.

TM/08/03487/FL – 57 Primrose Drive Ditton Aylesford Kent ME20 6EQ – Mrs A Wilson is applying for garage conversion and single storey side/rear extension. Reason: CA

TM/08/03443/LB & TM/08/01645/FL – 85 - 87 High Street West Malling Kent ME19 6NA – Boots The Chemist are applying for installation of internal air conditioning and associated external condenser units. Reason: CA LB

TM/09/00229/FL – 4 Sandown Road West Malling Kent ME19 6NS – Mr Colin And Mrs Daphne Poynter are applying for Single storey extension to rear of existing house. Reason: CA

TM/09/00249/FL – Rose And Crown Public House High Street Wrotham Sevenoaks Kent TN15 7AE – Mr Douglas Bell is applying for covered exterior dining area. Reason: CA LB

TM/09/00019/FL – Land North Of Birling Ashes Birling Road Birling West Malling Kent – Dr Yigal Arica is applying for change of use of field from growing crops to grazing horses. Remove an old rusty gate and post, replace with new timber gate together with an additional pedestrian gate (0.9m) Excavation of an entrance into the field for vehicle access. Reason: PROW

Reasons for the case being publicised:  
LB Application relates to/affects a Listed Building or its setting  
CA Application is within/affects a Conservation Area  
PROW Application affects a Public Right of Way

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Copies of applications listed may be seen during office hours (8.30 am and 5.00 pm Monday to Friday). Any applications within Hadlow, Hildenborough and Tonbridge are available at Tonbridge Castle, Tonbridge. Other applications are available at the office of the Director of Planning, Transport & Leisure, Gibson Building, Gibson Drive, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent, ME19 4LZ. Any representations should be made in writing quoting the application number by 22 March 2009.

David Hughes  
Chief Executive



1 March 2009

**Tunbridge Wells County Court  
No 459 of 2006  
JUNE GREEN  
In Bankruptcy**

Notice is hereby given that I, intend to declare a first and final dividend to unsecured creditors herein within a period of four months from the last date of proving. Last day for receiving proofs - 31st March 2009.  
Alisdair J Findlay, Trustee,  
Saxton House, Saxon House, Cheltenham, GL52 6QX  
Dated: 24th February 2009

**The Insolvency Act 1986  
ELITE BUSINESS MOVING  
LIMITED**

**(In Creditors' Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 05591759**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that we, Michael William Young and Peter Nicholas Wastell both of Vantis Business Recovery Services, Torrington House, 47 Holywell Hill, St Albans, Hertfordshire, AL1 1HD were appointed Joint Liquidators of the above named Company by the Members and Creditors on 19th February 2009.  
M W Young and P N Wastell, Joint Liquidators

**TRADEMASTER BUILDING SERVICES  
LIMITED**

**Company Number 04683421**

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of creditors of the above-named Company will be held at Nexus House, 2 Cray Road, Sidcup, Kent DA14 5DB, on 4 March 2009, at 11.00 am for the purposes mentioned in Sections 100 and 101 of the said Act. Proxy forms to be used for the purposes of the above Meeting must be lodged, accompanied by statements of claim, at the registered office of the Company situated at Nexus House, 2 Cray Road, Sidcup, Kent DA14 5DB, not later than 12.00 noon on the business day prior to the date of the Meeting. Notice is also hereby given, pursuant to Section 98(2)(a) of the Insolvency Act 1986, that Andrew Tate and Nedim Aliyan, of Abbott Fielding, Nexus House, 2 Cray Road, Sidcup, Kent DA14 5DB, are qualified to act as Insolvency Practitioners in relation to the above Company, and will furnish Creditors, free of charge, with such information concerning the Company's affairs as they may reasonably require. Dated: 6 February 2009  
By Order of the Board  
Mark Lineham, Chairman

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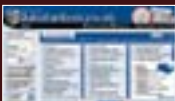
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INSIDE

## Seoul's Soul

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**DON'T** tell the Americans, but car companies can respond rapidly to market demand.

Witness the rise and rise of Kia.

With a name inspired by 'to come out' in Korean, it has taken just five years for Kia to morph from value brand to delivering modern design, weighty warranties, vastly improved engines and yet more value for money.

There are still some duffers though and the line-up has lacked some glamour or soul... until now and the appropriately named Soul.

This could be Kia's answer to the Mini and Fiat 500 cult stars, underlined by several heavily customised Soul spin-offs.

Known as 'Originals' – the company dislikes the descriptions 'special' or 'limited editions' – these will get some people rushing into showrooms and others debating whether they are hit or miss. Significantly though, people will talk about something other than Kia value, yet the Soul still represents a stonking deal – from £10,495 plus five-year unlimited mileage warranty and generous standard kit – as an SUV/MPV cum family motor.

# star



Kia describes it as "urban crossover combining SUV looks with urban style". It ain't pretty, but has a brutal charm born from bulging wheel arches, narrowing side glass and raised rear tail-lights; Kia says an early concept sketch featured a wild boar carrying a backpack – a mix of muscularity plus practicality.

This extends to the car's road manners where it has a wide track and long wheelbase

allowing sporty driving as well as a spacious cabin; despite its relatively high stance, body roll is minimised and this bodes well for future Kias using the same all-new platform.

Despite the 4x4 looks, the Soul also gets by well on a choice of just two powertrains – a 1.6-litre petrol or diesel with almost identical outputs of 124 and 126bhp respectively.

As seen in other Kias featuring the same units, the diesel is the better, being smoother with more get up and go low down the power range – diesel 'tech' has been a Kia speciality of late. It will also average around 54mpg – at least 10mpg better than its petrol sister – and the nose feels weightier and better planted when pressing on.

However, it also adds a £1,000 to the price of whichever model you choose, so the decision is not so clear cut after all.

In the cabin you are struck by the robust nature of the materials and some smart design – given extra expression with the Originals.

Head and legroom is excellent with a decent boot too and many people will buy just for the no-nonsense 'wild boar with backpack' stance and practicality.

But I hope they also fancy the Originals, like the Soul Shaker (from £12,495) with its innovative reversing camera built into the rear-view mirror – exactly where it ought to be, if you think about it, and certain to appear on other cars soon.

But the true 'star' is the arresting Soul Burner (from £14,995) with its black paint job and custom alloys plus backlit speakers that throb in time with the sound system.



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## Mitsi's Ralliart their new 'pocket rocket'

MITSUBISHI has had another crack at creating a cut-price 'pocket rocket' – a hot hatch version of its heavily revamped Colt supermini.

With only 35 per cent of parts carried over from the 2004 original, the Japanese marque says the new-look Colt (from £7,799) is virtually a new model line.

Proof of the pudding comes when accessing the old CZT performance flagship alongside the new Ralliart (from £12,049).

Visually, there are two major differences: firstly, the 'Jet Fighter' nose from the new Mitsubishi Lancer gives the supermini far more presence and, secondly, this hot hatch version is also now available as a five-door (£12,549) as well as a three.

But the difference really shows on-road: the old CZT had turbocharged power, but handling was too ragged to be a Mini Cooper rival even if it was cheap. The 147bhp 1.5-litre turbocharged Ralliart's revised chassis and steering is far superior. It just needs more 'hot hatch' branding inside and out – how about 'red braces' (seat belts) and other red trimming?

## Geneva is set to reveal mystery behind Qazana

NISSAN'S star at the Geneva show over the next fortnight is the car due to be built at the Japanese marque's Sunderland plant from 2010.

It will use the current Micra/Note production line, though it is unclear whether the newcomer will replace these models in the way the current Qashqai ousted the old Primera and Almera.

Teaser pictures show the 'Qazana' could

easily be little sister to the highly successful Qashqai. The show car also features backward-opening rear doors, in the style of Mazda's RX-8, but would not be the first concept to lose these once production economics are brought to bear.

The car is unnamed as yet, but don't rule out Qazana; Nissan will use Geneva to 'road test' that name just as much as it will do to gauge opinion of the design.



## Big cat builds on 10 purr cent rise in '08



JAGUAR'S UK sales rose nearly 10 per cent last year – not bad for a premium carmaker in a plummeting market.

This was largely due to demand for the stunning XF, which gets a slight revamp for March (priced from £32,900) with a new diesel version (from £33,900) and the supercharged-V8 XFR performance special (£59,900).

The latter is pictured right setting a record as the fastest

Jaguar ever – 225mph at the legendary Bonneville Salt Flats in Utah.

But the diesel's sales performance will set the pace for Jaguar's fortunes; its sophisticated 272bhp 3.0-litre twin-turbo engine is 33 per cent more powerful than the superb 2.7-litre TDV6 unit it replaces yet both forms offered should average well over 40mpg – nearly 12 per cent better than the 2.7 unit – with lower emissions.



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# Big cat still does it with space, grace and pace

by  
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AROUND this time next year, we will see an all-new Jaguar XK and severance with the past.

For it is tipped to be the end for curvy 'XJ' styling with distinctive twin headlights and narrowed boot, traceable to the original XJ6 (1968-1973) and gargantuan Mark X.

It kept Jag traditionalists happy, but failed – along with past quality control – to deliver profitability for the classic British sporting/luxury marque.

There is speculation the success of the smaller XF will allow Jaguar to take the next XJ to a higher and more profitable market position, using an XF-inspired four-door coupe body.

Fact is, the XJ is outsold two to one by the Mercedes-Benz S-Class and the German car's image and perceived reputation for technical innovation allow it to sell for more.

This is unfair on the Jag, which delivers legendary ride quality as well as sure-footed handling for such a big car.

It is not the gas-guzzler it would appear either, thanks to the new generation twin-turbo 2.7-litre V6 diesel option.

Those retro lines also disguise a technically advanced aluminium body that makes the big



cat light on its feet, saves fuel and adds cabin and boot space.

The diesel version's frugality was highlighted by Top Gear's Jeremy Clarkson in one of the car show's 'wacky races' from London to Blackpool. He hoped to run out of fuel half way, but made it to the seaside anyway.

It shows how this big car makes more sense towards the end of its life than at the start; if you run a big car and do not want to give up your creature comforts then this modestly-priced buy is a greener way to do it – even the road tax (£210/year) is virtually half the maximum.

The interior is classic Jag. The leather, walnut and deep carpet looks and feels top-

notch for the price and the seats are luxurious with full electric adjustment as standard on the front pair – specification is generous across the range.

If you want to trundle around in luxury the big cat will do that with barely a grumble to signal a diesel under the bonnet.

However, kick it and the bonnet rises slightly and the cat growls softly without irritating, even at motorway speeds. Tyre and wind noise are also excluded at the legal limit.

The XJ is deceptively quick on along a winding road too and while the 'J-Gate' gearbox selector allows manual selection of the six gears, you get used to leaving it in the

## DrivingStats

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- Garage stats: 5.09m by 1.86m four-door saloon (std. wheelbase)
- Powertrain: 2,967cc/240bhp V6 turbodiesel driving rear wheels though a six-speed automatic gearbox
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**MITSUBISHI COLT CLEARTEC** – facing up to declining demand for its mainstay 4x4 business of recent years, 'Mitsi' is fighting back with this ultra green facelift of its small hatch. It will also launch an electric version of the four-seat iCar city runabout later this year.

by  
**STEVELOADER**

THIS weekend might appear to be one of the gloomiest new registration changes the motor trade has seen for a long time.

Yet the lead-up to the '09 registration has been more buoyant than many doom-mongers predicted, largely due to the drive to downsize and be leaner and greener.

With consumers' savings currently delivering such poor interest, many people see trading in a 'gas guzzler' for a cheaper, more economical, less taxing model as a better return on their investment and there is a bit of green kudos too.

Most manufacturers now have an 'eco' sub-branding for their lowest emission models; some are so 'clean' (sub-100g/km) at the exhaust pipe that they are road tax-exempt.

Ford, for instance, is using the ECONetic label to highlight its most environmentally-friendly versions of key models and others include Volvo (DRIVE) Vauxhall (ecoFLEX), VW (BlueMotion), Mitsubishi (Cleartec) and Mercedes-Benz (BlueEfficiency).

Brilliant as they are, these do highlight a key point in seeking to downsize and save money: 'eco' models often cost more since they have diesel engines and special 'green' features that do not yet deliver the economy of scale savings available to makers across the whole model range.

What is more, saving road tax is not such a great incentive when many conventional super-minis sit in the lowest road tax band of £35 a year anyway; over three years with an eco model, saving £105 is irrelevant if you spend far more on buying that car in the first place and are then putting expensive diesel in the tank.

So, check out conventional equivalents of eco models and don't dismiss petrol power; that fuel is still cheaper and makes sense for lower mileage users, while emission and consumption

# Smaller, leaner and greener drives new market for '09 Reg

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**VOLVO C30 DRIVE** – this under-rated executive coupé/hatchback will soon be available with the ultra eco 'DRIVE' package, including a start/stop feature.

levels are closing the gap on diesel equivalents. Diesel engines also tend to be heavier, so you could find yourself going through tyres more quickly. In short: do your sums, but also check out some of the eco stars featured here.



**TOYOTA YARIS** – the world's number one car maker has re-launched its supermini for 2009 with a revised engine line-up including an all-new 1.3 petrol unit that could be a cheaper long-term buy than a diesel.



**BMW 1-SERIES** – you can buy the badge and cut running costs and emissions, thanks to BMW group's clever EfficientDynamics package. BMW launches its most fuel-efficient model in March – the BMW 116d – capable of averaging more than 60mpg and requiring just £35/year road tax and BMW also produces the reborn Mini with EfficientDynamics and a frugal diesel option that combines green with street cred.



**FORD FIESTA ECONETIC** – the ultra green version of the impressive new Fiesta is the eco star of the moment: it looks good and drives well, yet sips fuel and incurs no road tax due to its low emissions.

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**206**, CC 2.0 SE Convertible, 2004, blue metallic with charcoal recaro trim, 29000 miles, £7995, UIM Motors, Strood, 01634 296688 (TRADE)

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**207**, Sport 5dr, ey08wvc, anti-theft system, central locking, immobiliser, remote central locking, cloth upholstery, head restraints, folding rear seats, rear wash/wipe, metallic paintwork, multiple airbags, abs, power steering, electric front windows, air conditioning, cd player, 15" alloys, black, 2000 miles, £3995, Automatically Ray Morris (Bexleyheath), Bexleyheath, 01322 524 680 (TRADE)

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**IBIZA**, Formula Sport 1.4 100PS 3dr, sept 2007 gj57znc, this vehicle is pre-registered with delivery mileage only, one previous keeper, power steering, remote central locking, air conditioning, 5 speed gearbox, full seat service history, radio/cd player, aux-input, twin airbags, abs brakes, engine immobiliser, electricdoor mirrors, front fog lamps, tinted glass, rear wash/wipe, adj. steering column, seat height adjuster, sports seats, split rear seats, alloy wheels, brisa blue metallic, delivery mileage miles, £8, 345, Hollis Motors, Dover, 01304 206710 (TRADE)

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**ASTRA**, Design 16v, ea05the, anti-theft system, central locking, immobiliser, locking wheel nuts, remote central locking, head restraints, rear wash/wipe, metallic paintwork, abs, power steering, electric front windows, electric mirrors, air conditioning, cd player, alloy wheels, green, 13000 miles, £5995, Automatically Ray Morris (Bexleyheath), Bexleyheath, 01322 524 680 (TRADE)

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## '09 new reg highlights changed market force

THIS weekend heralds the new '09 registration and a much-changed motor market.

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By **STEVE LOADER**

is always something to moan about.

But many of dealers say early '09 has been buoyant considering that the 'R-word' (recession) has been uttered officially and Dec 1-Feb 28 is always the 'graveyard quarter' for the trade.

So, are these archetypal salespeople whistling in the dark or simply trying to talk up a dire situation ahead of what is usually their best period?

Perhaps there is a little of both, but there are some real positives to be drawn from the current climate – see later in this supplement.



Mazda2 – with its sporty styling the little Mazda is every inch a modern trendy supermini, but its lighter weight and cheap running costs also reflect market demand for meaner and greener motoring



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# Savings, thinking small and going eco mark new registration '09

CARMAKERS and their buyers suffered a trio of big hits last year: official recognition of global warming, a need to be seen to be greener and now a recession of global proportions.

The Government is driving people to downsize and buy 'cleaner' low emission cars through new road tax bandings ranging from zero to £400/year and set to become tougher.

By 2010, gas guzzling limos or 4x4s face £950 road tax in the first year, though anyone spending £50-100,000 on a car is unlikely to be put off by such a paltry sum.

For those who want to slash motoring costs and emissions though, 2009 opened with plenty of 'eco motoring' options. Most carmakers have a greener sub-brand now such as ecoFLEX (Vauxhall), Greenline (Skoda) or BlueMotion (VW).

Such 'eco-specials' can improve fuel consumption, emissions and road tax bills with a mix of enhanced aerodynamics, revised engine management and gearbox ratios and lower rolling resistance tyres.

However, they cost more so weigh potential long-term savings against the greater upfront cost – if you don't cover big mileages, then conventional alternatives may be a better bet.

Don't dismiss petrol models either; diesels may be more economical but they cost more upfront and the fuel is dearer at the pumps.

In the meantime, new and more powerful small petrol models are arriving such as VW's new turbocharged 1.4-litre variants.



Bigger models like the Mazda6 are becoming more efficient, while the Hyundai's i10 shows that downsizing need not compromise comfort

## DEALER'S COMMENT No1

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GREEN issues are driving down-sizing so the smallest market segment has become the biggest selling lately and doubled its market share in just two years.

But superminis and city runabouts are not just in demand for their size – they are cars for all eventualities, tackling motorway miles with ease as well as coping with stop/go town traffic.

They can usually carry four adults comfortably – perhaps even five – and be even more economical through refined small diesels and hi-tech petrol units.

Hardly surprising then that they attract buyers from across the spectrum: young families, households needing a second car, first-time car buyers or elderly couples counting the pennies.

And they are spoilt for choice, especially since some manufacturers have taken design cues from the MPV sector to raise interior space and flexibility – some of the high roof models can take over the duties of a bigger family hatchback from the Ford Focus sector.

Marques to watch:

- **Chevrolet** – the five-door Matiz city car may be ageing, but was well ahead of its time at launch and remains one of the cheapest and best in class. A major facelift to the previous Kalos brought the three/five-door Aveo model last year – another competitive option for the General Motors value brand.
- **Daihatsu** – this Japanese brand is hard to beat for compact value. A new Charade city car arrives shortly, while the bigger Sirion shares underpinnings with the Toyota Yaris yet costs less. If you need a small 4x4 that really can go most places then check out the Terios too.
- **Hyundai** – keen pricing and five-year warranties should be enough to attract bargain hunters to the Korean brand, but Hyundai also has one of the most up-to-date ranges on the UK market. The little i10 five-door is ultra economical, spacious and good to drive, while the new i20 super-



Skoda Fabia – the second generation car carries over its predecessor's practicality but both the new hatchback and estate have style too

# Big eco drive has us thinking small

mini is way ahead of its Getz predecessor.

- **Mazda** – the sporty Zoom Zoom brand has stuck to its guns with the racy looking three and five-door Mazda2, which is keenly priced and good to drive.
- **Renault** – the French marque has small car sales well covered from the Twingo city car – with a new and cheaper entry model – through the Clio Campus budget supermini to the classy Clio proper.
- **Seat** – the VW-owned sporty Spanish marque has replaced its Ibiza supermini over

the past few months. Both versions are stylish, but the five-door offers greater practicality over the rakish three-door SportCoupé. There is also an ultra-green Ecomotive version.

- **Skoda** – VW's Czech marque offers the five-door Fabia. It is still excellent value, but much smarter than before, well made and cheap to run, especially in diesel form. Skoda jokes now fall flat and there is even an eco-friendly Greenline model.
- **Toyota** – the world's number one carmak-

er has revolutionised its small car products, first with the excellent Yaris supermini – given a facelift for '09 and now including a fuel/emissions saving stop/start feature – and then with the frugal Toyota Aygo city car. Both cars are available in three and five-door format, but are also joined by the strictly three-door IQ premium compact city model seating three adults and a child.

- **Vauxhall** – the Corsa supermini is one of the UK's favourite cars and comes in racy

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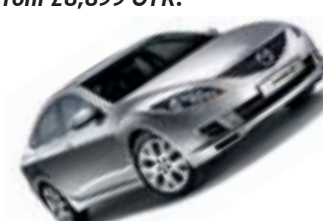
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**Chevrolet Matiz (left)** – one of the cheapest and most versatile runabouts on the market; **Daihatsu Sirion (centre)** – lofty and flexible five-door body almost qualifies this cheap yet stylish supermini to be called an MPV; **Renault Twingo (right)** – more affordable after the arrival of the Freeway model, but this GT version shows how it can also wear the custom treatment well

three or more sober five-door format, but its also has a small MPV sister, the five-door Agila, as an option for families keen to downsize.

- **VW** – the three-door Fox city car offers incredible value for a car bearing the upmarket VW badge, while the bigger Polo is a quality contender in this sector with top-notch petrol and diesel engines and three or five-door body option. Ask about the environmentally-friendly Polo BlueMotion model.



**Vauxhall Agila** – more MPV than supermini, the all-new Agila is a far better car than before and ideal for a family who want to downsize



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**VW Golf** – the newly launched sixth generation car is a dream option for anyone downsizing from the Mondeo class



**Hyundai i30** – evidence of Hyundai's rapid rise in the global car market. Pictured here in estate form



**Renault Mégane** – sleeker and less divisive styling than before and truly stunning in three-door Coupé format

SUPERMINI sales might be on the march in these environmentally aware times, but family hatchbacks remain the optimum size for most buyers and dominate the top 10 sellers list.

No wonder then that it is the hardest-fought sector for manufacturers. Buyers want space, comfort and a good ride, but they also demand a good driving experience and, increasingly, better fuel consumption and emissions levels – few contenders tick all the boxes.

Here are some recommended rivals though:

- **Chevrolet Lacetti** – hard to beat for sheer value, this is a slightly oversize offering from 'Chevy' and generously laden with kit too. The estate is particularly good value as a no-nonsense load lugger.
- **Hyundai i30** – available as a five-door and stylish estate, this range launched the Korean marque's new 'i' generation of European-inspired cars that are good to drive and more welcoming in style and finish. Value and a five-year warranty are no

longer the only reasons to buy a Hyundai.

- **Mazda3** – available as a five-door hatchback and four-door saloon, Mazda's 'Zoom Zoom' contender is a more premium option with a good choice of engines, generous equipment and cracking MPS performance flagship. A new car arrives in the spring so look out for deals.
- **Renault Mégane** – the distinctive rear end 'bustle' is no more, but the new generation looks more like a coupé in three or five-door form, with great diesel options and scorching Renaultsport versions too.

- **Seat** – the five-door Leon features concealed rear door handles to enhance its low slung coupé styling, yet this VW Golf inspired car is as practical as it is good looking and fun to drive.
- **Skoda Roomster** – more MPV than family hatch, but the rear 'room' has been cleverly grafted onto a car-like front to deliver the best of both worlds.
- **Toyota Auris** – the Corolla is no more, but Toyota has married that car's legendary reliability to the style of the new Auris. Three and five-door versions are offered

along with smooth and powerful diesels.

- **Vauxhall Astra** – the Astra's sharp styling in Sports Hatch (three-door) or five-door form cuts a dash, but a line-up of great engines is another big selling point and there is a scorching VXR halo model.
- **VW Golf and Beetle** – the Golf is bought with the head, the retro Beetle is bought with the heart. Check out the turbodiesels for their smoothness and power; the all-new Golf is a real driver's car, but refined enough inside to be mistaken for something larger and much dearer.

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# Toyota's IQ offers a shape of things to come

By **STEVE LOADER**

ATTENTION to production and reliability has made Toyota the world's number one motor manufacturer and we are now seeing its innovative powers.

Pioneering technology includes its hybrid petrol-electric motor system, used in the Toyota Prius and upmarket Lexus RX400h, yet it is still hard to warm to Toyotas – there is a fear in all of us that durability also says 'boring'.

But Toyota's image will change with the arrival of the IQ baby car for March. Even the name is clever, highlighting the brain-power behind this ingenious car while implying that buyers will be people with extra savvy.

It could also be a sly dig at the rival Smart city car, which is looking less clever with just two seats versus the 'three and a bit' in the only slightly larger IQ.

Toyota claims to have created 'six degrees of innovation' for what is pretty much a re-design of how cars are made, by installing an under floor fuel tank midships, compacting the heater/air con by 20 per cent – after all,



the car is smaller – and shrinking the engine compartment.

Most noticeable though are staggered front seats allowed by the smaller engine compartment, though still no easy task due to collision and safety requirements.

As a result, the front passenger sits slightly forward of the driver, allowing an adult rear passenger, while the driver's side rear seat is really only suitable for a child – the IQ is at best '3+1'.

Nevertheless, such a layout could meet most buyers' needs, with the seat behind the driver mostly serving as the boot.



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# Tough times for family values but choice grows

FAMILY models like the Ford Mondeo used to rule the UK car market.

They were designed for company car 'user choosers', so they could pound motorways during the week and cope with the family and belongings at weekends or on holiday.

But the rise of MPVs, 4x4 SUVs and upmarket compact executive cars has eroded market share and there is now more choice in this middle ground, with sporty estate versions also gaining sales.

Some of the latter are so-called 'lifestyle' models expected to say more about the owner and his/her image rather than carry serious loads, but slick styling does not always mean poor capacity – Toyota expects a 50:50 split between saloon and estate versions of its smart yet practical new Avensis.

Diesel is also the preferred option in a sector where economy and lower emissions saves serious cash.

Interesting performers include:

- **Chevrolet Epica** – pound for pound there is probably no better value conventional four-door model on the market, especially with the deals now offered by dealers.
- **Hyundai Sonata** – a five-year warranty and loads of kit for a modest price, make the Sonata a familiar formula from the Korean carmaker.



**VW Passat** – pictured here in capacious estate format, the Passat manages to punch its weight in the executive sector too



**Toyota Avensis** – radical new styling has catapulted this family model into the limelight



**Skoda Octavia** – small for this sector, but excellent value too. The 4x4 estate options are popular

- **Mazda6** – the second generation '6' is even more elegant than the original and far more refined. Available in saloon, hatch or estate, it is lighter and more frugal and quality is such that the car could be challenging as a genuine executive model.
- **Renault Laguna** – the third generation hatch and sporty estate carries on the model's tradition of value with lots of kit and some of the newest technology.
- **Seat Exeo** – order books are open for this 'Audi for Seat money' four-door and estate based on the previous and still competitive Audi A4.

- **Skoda Octavia and Superb** – the Octavia is Skoda's mainstay model, with size and space that qualifies it for a higher sector; check out the sporty vRS versions and the 'cut-price quattro' 4x4 estates. The Superb might not have a prestige badge, but it offers lots of comfort at a bargain price and has an innovative boot lid that hinges again to offer hatchback versatility.
- **Toyota Avensis** – an all-new and more stylish line-up of refined saloons and estates arrived this year with better engines and yet more input from the

Japanese giant's Lexus luxury brand. Diesel options are attractive too.

- **Vauxhall Insignia** – this stunning newcomer is as curvaceous as the old Vectra was 'blocky'. Vauxhall is also aiming the new car upmarket with saloon, hatchback and sleek estate versions to take on the German prestige marques.
- **VW Passat** – the latest Passat saloon, estate and CC Coupé range is already attacking prestige rivals. It is classy, drives well and offers lots of space, though the scale of the car may persuade some buyers to consider the smaller Jetta lookalike.

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**Daihatsu Materia** – compact on the road, but huge inside, the Materia's hot rod looks make it one of the most distinctive MPVs on the road



**Chevrolet Captiva** – more 4x4 in looks, the Captiva also makes an excellent 5-7-seat MPV, particularly in diesel form



**Seat Altea** – it might be an MPV, but the rakish Seat Altea epitomises the sporty profile that the Spanish marque has built within the VW group

SALES of classic family cars have been pole-axed by the rise of people carrier/MPVs and 4x4s/SUVs.

Both shared a higher driving position, but the first majored on space and versatility, while the second stood for butch styling and 'go anywhere/great outdoors' ability.

The two types have merged increasingly since then, especially with the social backlash against 'gas guzzling' 4x4s. The industry calls the consolidated class 'crossovers'.

Here are some key brands:

- **Chevrolet** – the keenly-priced Captiva might look more 4x4 than MPV, but it is available with economical front-wheel drive and genuinely roomy like an MPV. There is a seven-seater option.
- **Daihatsu** – need an MPV that looks different? Try the retro Materia, spacious within compact dimensions. On the 4x4 front the company offers the Terios – compact and affordable for off-roading as well as everyday motoring.
- **Hyundai** – there can be few cheaper MPVs than the Korean marque's five-seat Matrix, but value is also the appeal of the

# Crossover style merges MPVs and 4x4 sectors

SUV/4x4 line-up: the compact Tucson – available with economical two-wheel drive or 4x4 – the highly-regarded 5-7-seat Santa Fe and the rugged Terracan.

- **Mazda** – in keeping with its sporty 'Zoom Zoom' image, Mazda has racy contenders in the seven-seat Mazda5 MPV – with sliding doors for access to the rearmost seats – and the 'GT'-style CX-7 SUV model.

- **Renault** – regarded as the inventor of MPVs, the Espace is still its champion people carrier, but there is also the mid-size Scenic and Grand Scenic as well as budget Kangoo. It entered the 4x4 market recently too, but the new Koleos looks and works well on and off-road.
- **Seat** – the Spanish brand has shown MPVs can be sporty, starting with the racy

Altea – also sold in stretched XL form – and stepping up to bootied Toledo and large Alhambra. And there's a 4x4 Altea XL version – the Freetrack.

- **Skoda** – reviewed the small MPV market and married a car-like front with a boxy and spacious MPV rear – the 'room' that inspired the name Roomster. For 4x4 capability, check out the all-wheel-drive Octavia Estate and high-riding Scout versions.
- **Toyota** – one of the finest seven-seat mid-MPVs comes in the form of the aptly named Verso, but Toyota also offers the Land Cruiser brand for ultimate off-roading and the excellent RAV4 – the original 'GTI 4x4'.
- **Vauxhall** – the distinctive seven-seat Zafira is the UK's best-selling mid-MPV and available with a wide range of powertrains, but the 'Griffin brand' also offers the smaller Meriva and classy Antara 4x4.
- **VW** – the 5-7-seat Sharan remains VW's flagship MPV, but the Touran offers the same seating capacity and car-like handling, while VW is also now a 4x4 star with the big Touareg and highly capable Touran mid-range SUV.

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SEAT ALTEA 1.6 REFERENCE, 42 months, 10,000 miles per annum Solutions example:

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Dealer deposit contribution	*£1,000	Total amount payable by the customer	£14,422.84
Customer deposit	Nil	Acceptance fee**	£125
Retail cash price	£12,920	Option to purchase fee***	£60
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# 100 more jobless is the final reckoning

A KENT firm just coming up to its half century has hit the wall with the loss of more than 100 jobs – because it ran out of cash waiting for people and firms owing it money to pay up.

Management consultants who were called in last year to try to save Marsland, a windows and doors-maker based in Edenbridge, were this week unusually forthright in detailing what had happened. It's a business tale for our times, unfortunately.

Technically, Stenmar Aluminium, the parent company, has called in Mark Newman, of Tonbridge business services firm Vantis, as administrator of Marsland and Co, and liquidator of Marsland Commercial Windows. The move does not affect Marsland Domestic Windows.

But Martin Stanton and Desmond High of local EMC Management Consultants, who were brought in by shareholders at the beginning of 2008 to try to restore the fortunes of the business, were very critical of "the non and late payment of significant debts" by "major customers."

In a joint statement, they said: "On January 23 the group expected to receive approximately £440,000 in the subsequent three weeks from six main contractors, for work

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satisfactorily carried out. Only £120,000 was received during that period and there is no immediate prospect of the balance being received. In some cases, the end-customer for whom the work has been completed hadn't paid the main contractor.

"Those end-customers include one well-known international charity, and a major housing association. In others, the individuals responsible for passing bills for payment always seem to just miss internal payment deadlines, or make spurious counter-claims in order to delay or to reduce payment.

"Although the two [Marsland] companies are still owed well in excess of £1 million by customers, it has been a major challenge over recent months to try to collect this and as economic conditions in the construction industry deteriorate further it has become almost impossible to get customers to pay on time, or at all, for completed work.

"There is a huge domino effect throughout the contracting industry and if customers won't pay for completed work the business cannot function."

They said the lion's share of money owed is from large companies – but there's some owed by a small number of private individu-

als for domestic jobs carried out over the last couple of years.

"Sometimes there are genuine arguments over the work and where possible these have been remedied, but there is a rump of customers who are seeking 'compensation', and, it seems, never had any intention of paying.

"Pursuing these people through the courts is a slow and time-consuming process.

"Even customers who have shaken hands on a settlement figure have subsequently reneged on payment.

"There is a mindset that says it is good to avoid paying, and that perhaps Marsland is 'big enough' to bear the cost. The real losers are the people who have worked at Marsland and are now out of work, and the innocent suppliers who won't get paid.

"We underestimated the depths to which some people in the construction industry will go to avoid paying, often in the clear knowledge of the effect on everyone in the supply chain below them."

Erik Torstenson, whose family founded Marsland nearly 50 years ago, said: "It is a sad day for Marsland, its staff and our family.

"There are a great many loyal people who have made significant contributions to the business and I feel truly sorry for those who have battled in recent times against increasingly difficult odds."

## 'Training will prepare us for recovery'

SKILLS will be a key factor in how and when the UK economy recovers and grows, according to a new report.

The Innovation, Universities, Science and Skills Committee's report has found that investing now in building new skills will put the UK in a much stronger position as the market recovers.

Trish Fraser, managing director of Quality South East, the Investors in People centre for the region, said: "As the recession bites, we are urging South East employers not to cut spending on staff training, which is reported to be some £38 billion a year in the UK.

"This report also emphasises that employers must be persuaded that training is essential to the survival of their company. People may find their previous role no longer exists, so they will need different skills. Now is the time to be training and preparing for the upturn.

"Bosses should also remember that development is not just about a financial investment. Employees need support for training in the form of time off, information about courses and a positive attitude from their employers."



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# Passmore's firm foundations

## Company's centenary celebration

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A MEDWAY company which successfully traded through both world wars, the Great Depression and a string of recessions celebrates its centenary this year.

And it's still doing well in this downturn.

Passmore's Portable Buildings in Strood, has started its hundredth year with a very healthy order book for everything from small garden sheds to cricket pavilions and stable blocks.

It even has export orders lined up which will see two 40ft containers of its products heading for New Zealand.

Part of celebrations will be trying to find the oldest Passmore shed still in use. Sales chief Stuart Slaughter, great-grandson of the company's founder, told KOS Media this week that he'd just seen one from 1967. It was in 1909 that Arthur Harris Passmore arrived in Medway from Yorkshire. He set up home in Frindsbury and opened the Tea Table Café in Rochester High Street.

After the First World War there was a boom in free-range poultry keeping, and he realised there was money to be made in supplying chicken feed as well as meals for the citizens of Rochester.

He set up the Poultry Farmers' Supply Company on a site adjacent to the High Street, on the Strood side of the bridge, from where the company still operates.

The supply of chicken feed led to the pro-

duction of poultry houses, which in turn led to the manufacture of garden sheds.

Arthur died in 1942 and his son, Robert Cromwell Passmore, carried on. At that time there was no timber for sheds and poultry houses, but the firm was helping to design airframes for Short Brothers, the Rochester seaplane company.

After the war business was resumed, and although battery farming sounded the death knell for poultry houses, Passmore diversified into garden buildings, chalets, site huts, clubhouses and stable blocks.

Stuart's father, Richard, married Robert's daughter, Barbara, and he took over and is still managing director.

Today conservation and sustainability are the watchwords. The firm uses non-polluting preservatives and even timber off-cuts to heat workshops.

It's one of the few firms in the UK to have a Forest Stewardship Council certificate of chain of custody. It has sourced timber from a high-quality Swedish sustainable forest for decades and is the sawmill's oldest customer.

To mark the centenary, the company has designed a traditional country-style cart lodge, using oak frames.

In his office, from where he can see Rochester Castle, Mr Slaughter said: "The secret of our success is that we have never just sat back. We have moved with the times and concentrated on personal service and sourcing high-quality material."

The firm reckons it has supplied one in 10 sheds in the area, and every week two lorry-loads of sheds are delivered in the region.

Passmore's is looking forward to its next 100 years.



**OPEN DOOR:** Moving with the times has kept Passmore's thriving, says MD Stuart Slaughter

**■** WEST Kent Networking has grown steadily since it started almost two years ago and now has more than 200 members.

The next meeting at Thorins Bar and Restaurant in Nevill Street, Tunbridge Wells, is on March 10 and will feature free informal networking in a relaxed and friendly environment.

Co-founder Stephen Fleming said: "It's a

very exciting time for the organisation. We've been invited to join Tunbridge Wells Council's economy, skills and transport group as a voice of small and medium-sized enterprises.

"We've seen demand for networking rise as the credit crunch has put the squeeze on margins."

All are welcome. Details on [www.west-kentnetworking.co.uk](http://www.west-kentnetworking.co.uk).

# Hi-tech team sowing the seeds of growth

A HI-TECH firm which started as a spin off from the University of Kent has clinched £400,000 of equity investment from a small and medium-sized enterprise (SME) fund.

UltraSoC Technologies, set up four years ago, got the money from the South East Seed Fund, managed by not-for-profit organisation Finance South East, and the Icen Seedcorn Fund.

The firm emerged from the universities of Kent and Essex with work based on research carried out by Prof Klaus McDonald-Maier and his team.

He is a professor in the School of Computer Science and Electronic Engineering (CSEE)

at University of Essex. Funds will be used to develop and market a technology for debugging and testing computer systems within devices such as mobile phones, white goods and motor vehicles.

UltraSoC chief executive officer Dr Karl Heeks said: "The quality and promise of our technology and strength of our team has enabled us to secure this funding in such a challenging investment environment."

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## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Kent-based racehorse trainer John Best could not be more aptly named. Now in his tenth year as a flat-racing trainer, he is based in Hucking, near Maidstone. Although John Best Racing is a relatively small yard, with about 50 horses, this isn't a handicap. In fact, last year he made headlines with Royal Ascot winners coming in at 33/1 and 100/1. His yard is attracting owners from across the county and throughout the wider racing world. John's become something of an expert at spotting racehorse potential. Rising Cross is a good example. Having been overlooked at the sales because of her small stature, John snapped up the horse for £14,000. She was later sold for £325,000. His career has never been a gamble. He understands that racing is a business that's a bit different from most others, which is why good communication with his owners is vital. He spoke to KOS Media:



# Racing cert that being Best isn't a gamble

## Q How did you get started?

**A** I started my career by riding and training point-to-point and hunter chasers. I took out a flat-racing licence in 1999 and my first victory came quickly, with Santiburi Girl turning over an odds-on favourite at Salisbury. By 2004 I'd notched up my first 100 winners. I was also recognised as the leading up-and-coming trainer of that year.

## Q What have been your highlights?

**A** Plenty – it's not just about the winning, particularly when you're starting out – but in terms of statistics, I was the most successful UK trainer at Royal Ascot in 2008. I get a lot of satisfaction from seeing my horses do well at all levels, especially when I know they've been overlooked by other trainers.

## Q What's a typical day?

**A** As you'd expect, the day always starts early. If we're not racing, we're out on the gallop. Race days tend to be hectic and I rely on my assistant, Martin Smith, and the grooms a great deal. I meet the jockeys and talk through race tactics – much will depend on where the horse has been drawn and the race distance.

But when starter sets them off, the split-second decisions have to be taken by the jockeys – most of the time they can't hear my shouting. I always take time out to chat with the owners to give them an honest appraisal of their horse's prospects.

## Q What ownership options do you offer?

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## Q Is it really possible to 'get-rich-quick' with horseracing?

**A** It's possible, but not something I ever "sell" to prospective owners. Just like every other successful business, you need a slice of luck, but mostly it's down to hard work, having good people around you and a belief in your own ability.

I do know a good horse when I see one but it's rare to make a profit from prize money alone, it's all about selling at the right time.

## Q What is Kent Bloodstock?

**A** It's a syndicate I set up with colleague Dave Nevison. We've been buying yearling racehorses together for the last five years. Through the syndicate, we race these

horses and then sell them on at the top of their value. To date it's proved to be a highly successful venture for all the owners involved.

An initial investment of £50,000 buys a share in at least eight horses. It's important to emphasise that the syndicate operates on a



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commercial basis.

## Q How do you explain a loss to an owner?

**A** I believe honesty is the best policy. I have a reputation for telling the truth and not pulling any punches.

Before each race I discuss the realistic prospects of the horse, but ultimately it's the owner's decision to race. It's tough for them, but I understand why a horse can be beaten.

But of course, when I'm wrong, and the horse does win, I'm more than happy to give the good news.

## Q Any hot tips for 2009?

**A** My main aim for this year is to continue to improve and expand my racehorse training facilities and so offer even better prospects for the owners.

However, do keep an eye on my string of two-year-old racehorses – they promise plenty more success for the yard in 2009.

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**ALISON WESTBROOK**

GULLANDS solicitors of Maidstone has created its own specialist department to advise charities – becoming one of the few law firms in the county to offer such services.

Rules have changed in recent years in relation to preparation of charity accounts, remuneration of trustees, public benefit test, community interest companies (CICs), charitable incorporated organisations (CIOs), and mergers and acquisitions.

The firm has put qualified solicitor and charity expert Alison Westbrook, pictured below, in charge of the new department.

**TOURS: Rachael Cowan and Oliver Ramsey of Hadlow College**

TWO students at Hadlow College are showing an example of innovative charity fundraising.

Oliver Ramsey and Rachael Cowan, both students in the faculty of horticulture, are giving up time to lead two Hellebore Tours around the college's Broadview Gardens next month.

All cash raised from the tours will be donated to Garden Organic, a registered charity that promotes organic gardening.

Every year the college conducts tours around its National Collection of hellebores and these are normally led by head gardener Alex Rennie.

The tours are on Saturday, March 7, at 11am and 2pm. The tours cost £3 per person. Contact Hadlow College's Broadview Centre on 01732 853211, or call in person.

REEVES+Neylan, a major accountancy and tax advisory firm with offices in Dover, Canterbury and Chatham, has appointed Kay Aylott as a principal manager who will be strengthening the private client tax team.

She spent nine years with the BDO Stoy Hayward private client

## Movers & Shakers



**BANNATYNE'S** Health Club in Folkestone has appointed Lucy Day, pictured above, as general manager. Experienced leisure industry manager Lucy, 29, is also an accomplished personal trainer and has worked in Australia and New Zealand. Prior to joining Bannatyne's at Shearway Business Park, Lucy owned and operated her own business specialising in personal training, group fitness and sports therapy. Lucy also has experience as a personal trainer and studio instructor at a large health club in East Sussex.

tax team in London. Also, Victoria Coleman has just completed a masters degree in mathematics at Southampton University, and will be undertaking the Association of Tax Technician exams with a view to qualifying as a chartered taxation adviser. Victoria's role will involve advising both companies, their shareholders and private clients on their tax affairs.

WITH news of more movement being seen in the property market comes a report that a letting agents is opening its doors for business on Monday in Dover.

Open Eye Lettings in comes as, well, something of an eye opener.

Managing director Jason Pyne, pictured above right, said: "We believe that, through our combined experience of property itself, marketing and advertising, we offer a



service over and above anyone else – and can help assist the market growth in the local area.

"What will really make us stand out from a landlord's point of view is that we will a lettings agent to operate without set-up fees.

"We've already spoken to several landlords and 'no set-up fees' is a big thing for them."

They offer property to let across the east Kent coast, covering Dover, Deal, Folkestone, Sandwich, Thanet and the surrounding villages.

**JOINING THE TEAM: Victoria Coleman and Kay Aylott at Reeves+Neylan**

Stortford, one of HR GO plc's joint venture companies, and has been with the group for over eight years.

Also, Craig Vidler has been appointed a non executive director on HR GO's board of directors. His responsibilities are to constructively challenge business operations and strategically contribute to the group's development.

He replaces Chris Harvey, former non executive director for the group since 2006, who is now group commercial director.

Another board appointment, Mark Kingston, is now group finance director following the retirement of Tony Prior.

Previously, Mark was finance director of Leeds Castle, prior to which he held the role of finance director at Marston Hotels and Marston Properties.

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## Historic Rose and Crown on market

A HISTORIC 16th century Tudor coaching inn, the Rose and Crown Hotel (pictured right), a Grade II listed building in the centre of Tonbridge, is for sale.

It was once a busy coaching house and retains much of its character, including oak beams and Jacobean panelling. It has 56 en-suite letting rooms and is AA three-star rated. There are extensive licensed areas and other facilities, with private parking for about 45 vehicles.

Andrew Bush of Christie+Co's Maidstone office, which is handling the sale, said offers are being invited of £2,250,000 for the freehold as a business.



By **LIZ RULE**  
Pharon Independent  
Financial Advisers Ltd

EMPLOYERS battling to stay solvent and profitable in the downturn will not appreciate the latest research produced by pension consulting firm Mercer.

The Pension Act 2008 sets out the framework for the Government's new national pension savings scheme, known as Personal Accounts.

It also introduces a requirement for employers to automatically enrol qualifying employees. The proposals are expected to come into force from 2012.

A minimum contribution of eight per cent of 'qualifying earnings' will be required by 2014. This will be divided as follows: four per cent employee, one per cent tax relief and three per cent employer.

The employer rate is to be introduced gradually – one per cent in 2012, two in 2013, reaching three in 2014 – with large employers expected to comply first. Mercer has calculated the introduction of Personal Accounts will cost UK business close to £3 billion a year.

The survey suggests auto-enrolment will have a dramatic impact on pay budgets, especially for companies with a low current uptake of membership in their pension schemes.

Based on the average gross employee salary of £26,020 less the lower threshold, this means a company pension contribution of £630 per year by 2014.

Employers cannot contemplate simply absorbing this level of increased cost, so planning ahead by identifying the likely cost and considering the options available for mitigating or spreading it over a longer period will help soften the impact. This news will not be welcome, but every director and finance manager must keep up to date with this issue and start to plan by incorporating this in future draft budgets and cashflow forecasts.

### OPEN MARKET ANNUITY RATES FOR MATURING PENSION FUNDS – PER £10,000

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PRUDENTIAL	£551	PRUDENTIAL	£539
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CANADA LIFE	£641	CANADA LIFE	£622
LEGAL & GENERAL	£636	NORWICH UNION	£610
NORWICH UNION	£622	LEGAL & GENERAL	£608
PRUDENTIAL	£619	PRUDENTIAL	£601
AEGON SE	£612	AEGON SE	£594

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## Ambition takes the reins at vet centre

TO SAY it was a commercial property Cinderella effect was an understatement – the £300,000 transformation of a dilapidated, pigeon-infested, concrete-framed barn into a purpose-built equine veterinary centre.

But it happened, and now after 35 years at its previous location in Ashford town centre, Milbourn Equine has moved to a farm on the outskirts of town.

The old premises were dated and the owners wanted to update facilities, improve working conditions for staff and clients, and make access easier for horse boxes. The new clinic is now less than half a mile from junction 10 of the M20, has plenty of parking, plus paddocks and stables for patients and room for possible future expansion.

Practice partner David McDonald went to MKA Projects, a firm of construction project managers and quantity surveyors based at Kings Hill, West Malling, which, put together a new design and construction team including specialist architects HPN.

The programme period for the works was just four months, which considering the barn had to be stripped back to the bare bones was an ambitious timescale. The asbestos roof was replaced and the wall cladding removed, so that only the concrete frame and some of the walls remained.

MKA Projects have also overseen the conversion of another barn on the site into stables and storage space.

The team also included, BSF (structural design), Westmead (M&E Design) Bernard Sims Associates (CDM-C) and the main contractor was Jenner of Folkestone.

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OD: £1,339

#### FIRST ACTIVE RBS

RT: FIXED R%: 4.19% L: 75% U: 31/03/2011  
OD: £1,029

#### WOOLWICH

RT: FIXED R%: 4.39% L: 70% U: 30/04/2011  
OD: £1,325

#### ITL MORTGAGES

RT: FIXED R%: 4.89% L: 75% U: 31/03/2011  
OD: £1,184

#### OTHER NATIONWIDE

RT: TRACKER R%: 3.68% L: 75% U: 3 YEARS  
OD: £1,015

#### ABBEY

RT: TRACKER R%: 3.79% L: 75% U: 3 YEARS  
OD: £1,255

#### MARSDEN

RT: TRACKER R%: 3.49% L: 75% U: 28/02/2011  
OD: £924

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Picture: ADY KERRY

## Inside view

with **JAMES TREDWELL**

I AM in Bangalore in India, working hard to make sure the upcoming 2009 season sees me get both my county and international career going forward again.

As much as anything, it is nice to be back at a cricket ground, the Chinnaswamy Stadium, where five winters ago I was captaining England A.

I'll be celebrating my 27th birthday halfway through this 10-day training trip, and part of the general overhaul of my game this winter has been to realise I am now at a stage where I can begin to use all the experience I have been fortunate to gain since I made my Kent debut in 2001.

There is still a lot of my career yet to come, and as a spin bowler in particular I know that I can develop hugely in the years ahead. But I want to improve strongly in all areas of my cricket, and my fitness levels, and cannot wait to start the new season refreshed and hungry to do well.

I have been very honest with myself since the end of last summer, and I realise I didn't perform overall as well as I can with either bat or ball during 2008. I consider myself a genuine all-rounder, in that I am capable of winning and influencing games both as a bowler and as a batsman, and so I need to progress my game in that respect this year.

Having been picked in the England one-day squad in New Zealand earlier last year, too, it was disappointing not to back that up with more eye-catching performances last summer – and my failure to make any of the England Lions squads this winter, in contrast to the previous two winters, reflected my form.

# Getting Treddy for the season

## Kent spinner on Bangalore training stint to revitalise his county career and give England hopes a boost



But, having now experienced two full seasons in both Kent's championship and one-day sides, after initially being more of a one-day player in my earlier years with the club, I feel I have the knowledge and the experience to take my game on again.

During the past few months I have been working quite a bit with Min Patel on my cricket, and especially my bowling. Min is such a shrewd character, and was such a good thinker during his own long career as a spinner, that he has been a tremendous help already. I will also be working on specifics with him when I get back from India.

One of the things that we quickly identified is that I needed to work much harder on my game plans when bowling in four-day

championship cricket, as opposed to one-day matches. I think my relative inexperience in First Class cricket contributed to the fact that, mentally, I did not have enough of an armoury when it came to bowling consistently well in the longer form of the game.

I have taken wickets and won championship games for Kent, yes, but in four-day cricket conditions can be very different match to match, and you have to be able to adapt to that and come up with specific plans each time.

What Min has basically helped me to do is build further on what is a pretty solid base, in terms of my technique and my playing record, and that's why I am so excited about the upcoming season and the opportunity to work here in India on grass pitches as part of that preparation for this summer.

I have travelled to Bangalore with Rob Ferley and Dan Stickels, an Academy spinner, and for all three of us it is the perfect chance to work on both our bowling and batting in a strong spin environment.

There are good players around to work with, and a couple of coaches too with whom I have worked before on England Lions trips.

Having Rob with me is especially good, because now that he has returned to Kent from Nottinghamshire he will be gunning for a place in our starting line-ups – in one-day cricket especially – and so his presence will help to keep me very much on my toes.

**• James Tredwell, the Kent off-spinning all-rounder, is one of Kent on Sunday's regular sports columnists.**



**ATTACK:** Katie Simpson is competing at the National Shukokai Karate Championships

## Katie aiming to kick her way to championship

**FORMER** world junior karate champion Katie Simpson is gearing up for an assault on the National Shukokai Karate Championships next month.

The 21-year-old from Maidstone, who regularly represents Great Britain, will head into the championships at Birmingham on April 25 as one of the favourites after success at the World Championships last July.

Simpson, who began competing from the age of 13 and became junior world champion in 2004, picked up silver medals in the ladies team Kata and ladies team Kumite events at the World Championships held in Zurich.

She had further success in the individual under-65 kg competition by winning a bronze medal.

She said: "It was great to do so well at the world events and especially as it was my first individual event in the main category."

Simpson, who is studying Physical Education and Sport Science at Canterbury Christchurch University, has already set out her next target by going one better and clinching a gold medal.

She added: "My ultimate ambition is to become world champion. At the moment the sport is not included in the Olympics. I am hoping it will in 2016, so to compete in that would be amazing. For the moment I am just going to focus on the National and European championships."

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www.kentsport.blogspot.com includes the news and views from our sports team, together with a host of invited guest bloggers from around the county.

Kicking it all off is Kent and England cricketer Lydia Greenway, who will be blogging exclusively for KOS Media Down Under, as she and the England women's team gun for the ICC Women's World Cup in Australia.

The site gives readers an opportunity to comment and air their views about sport in Kent and follow the hot topics involving the county's top sports stars.



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# Baa-Baa – Blackheath

## Kent team to face legendary outfit as part of club's 150th anniversary celebrations

By DAVID PRITCHARD

THE WORLD'S greatest invitational rugby team will visit Kent later this month as the centrepiece for Blackheath's 150th anniversary celebrations.

The Barbarians will take on the National 2 South's first team at the Rectory Field to mark the historic occasion, in a repeat of the fixture held to honour the club's centenary in 1959.

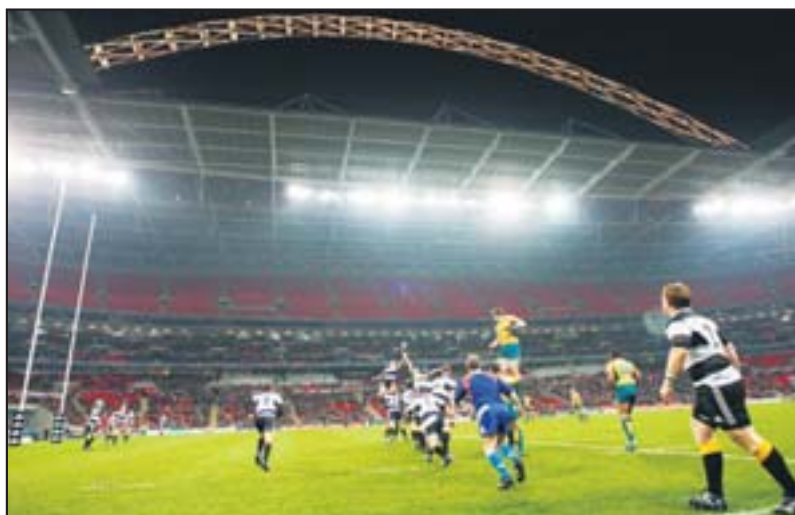
Renowned for their attacking style, a list of the Barbarians' former players reads like a Who's Who of world rugby. Francois Pienaar, Jeremy Guscott, Zinzan Brooke and Jonah Lomu have all pulled on the famous black and white shirt in recent years.

They regularly play high-profile games against the world's best international teams, with their remaining games this season including taking on England at Twickenham and Australia in Sydney.

The team is expected to be announced shortly and Fran Cotton, Blackheath's director of operations, told Kent on Sunday everyone was excited by the prospect.

He said: "There's quite a buzz around the club and it's an opportunity for all our past and current players who have played for the Barbarians to meet up. They have a reputation for playing a very open and entertaining brand of rugby. We're hoping for a very decent crowd, it's not very often you get a chance to see the Barbarians, except on television."

Blackheath are the oldest open rugby club in the world and the game will be the final major event after 12 months of celebrations.



ARCH RIVALS: The Barbarians (in black and white) against Australia at Wembley last year

Last year the first team toured Argentina and played Richmond and Newport to recreate some of club rugby's earliest fixtures.

Founded in 1858, Blackheath went on to play a leading role in the sport's early years and are one of seven surviving members present at the formation of the Rugby Football Union in 1871.

The club were also instrumental in the Barbarians' first tour in 1890. Set up by ex-player William Percy Carpmal, Blackheath provided the core of the early sides.

The club's influence has diminished since then, particularly with the advent of professionalism in the sport in the 1990s, but

Cotton says being a member is still a point of pride.

He said: "Without a doubt the club is very proud of its history."

"It's something that people respect. The game has changed dramatically in the last 10 years, it's been turned on its head in many respects, but while we're obviously not playing at the very top level we are still in the top 35 clubs in the country."

**• The game on Wednesday, March 18 kicks off at 8pm. Tickets cost £10 for adults if bought in advance or £12 on the night. See [www.blackheathrugby.co.uk](http://www.blackheathrugby.co.uk) nearer the game for more details.**



DEBUT: Mike Conway performed well on his first try of an oval racing track

## Miami nice for learner Conway

MIKE Conway caught the attention of his fellow Indy Racing League drivers by finishing in the top ten at the first official test of the season in Miami.

The Sevenoaks driver finished eighth overall in the two-day test at the Homestead Miami Speedway, ahead of front runner Danica Patrick and 2007 champion Dario Franchitti.

Conway completed 276 laps in his first ever outing on an oval circuit for the Dreyer Reinbold team, having agreed a deal to move to America in January.

The former British Formula 3 champion finished 14th after day one as he got used to the new car and surroundings. The following day saw him produce a best lap of 25.4299 seconds, averaging 210 mph, which secured eighth spot and made him the quickest rookie.

Conway, 25, was delighted with his debut and admitted he is warming to racing on ovals at speeds of more than 200mph.

He told Kent on Sunday: "The test went really well, we started off slowly as it was my first time on an oval, but we made lots of changes and got quicker and quicker. It's a learning curve really but to finish the test in eighth place was a great result."

"It's daunting, the first time you turn at over 200mph as you are thinking 'this is fast.' I got used to it quickly and it was really enjoyable."

"Towards the end we got to run in traffic so I got to see what it would be like in a race scenario. It was great to be able to get to overtake people using the drafting techniques."

Conway has one more test session at Barber Motorsports Park in Birmingham, Alabama on March 21-23 before the season begins at St Petersburg on April 5.

# Fleet eye Trophy cash as members stay away

Picture: ADY KERRY



WINDFALL: Retaining the FA Trophy would boost the Ebbsfleet coffers

ANOTHER trip to the now famous Wembley arch could prove crucial in securing the club's future, according to chairman John Moules.

The website-owned football club set a deadline last Thursday for the majority of its 32,000 MyFc members to renew their £35 subscriptions.

Only 9,500 members chose to renew, which left the club £250,000 short of their £500,000 target for next season. This week the club announced they reached the 10,000 mark.

After Fleet earned an FA Trophy semi-final with Stevenage Borough following Tuesday's 3-1 win against Wrexham, chairman Moules believes a return to a Wembley final could attract a new wave of members.

A crowd of 26,000 Fleet support-

ers made the trip to Wembley last May when Liam Daish's side lifted the trophy after beating Torquay in the final. Subsequently the myfootballclub memberships swelled to 32,000.

Moules is predicting another flurry of renewals if the Northfleet-based side can achieve a return to Wembley.

He said: "Absolutely the FA Trophy could be a real help. It would be silly not to say it could increase the number of memberships."

"If we play anything like we did on Tuesday against Wrexham we will be in with a shout of another trip to Wembley."

"The renewals are coming in on a daily basis and we are now focusing on reaching our next targets of 12,000 and 15,000. We have got around 9,000 members abroad so it

will take time for everyone to send in their renewals."

The club's board held a meeting with the MyFc operator this week to discuss various options following the drop in renewals. With reports suggesting the club could be put up for sale, Moules declared a potential sale was not a topic up for discussion.

He said: "At the meeting we talked about a number of options and have decided to meet again next week. One of the topics we discussed was about a number of members who have expressed desires to pay more than £35 for their subscriptions. We are seriously looking into setting something up."

**• MyFc members, who missed the deadline, can still renew their membership via [www.myfootballclub.co.uk](http://www.myfootballclub.co.uk).**

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# 'I'm not sure if I'm on the scrapheap'

**GLENN PEARSON** speaks to Kent wicketkeeper Geraint Jones who after several years away from the international arena, still harbours ambitions of gloving up for England

FOUR years ago England shaped up for the 2005 Ashes series with a confident 2-1 victory in South Africa.

It followed the 3-0 drubbing of the West Indies and set the tone for what proved to be a remarkable summer. Geraint Jones was the man in possession of the wicket-keeping gloves, and like England, his summer had major ups and downs and ended with the reclamation of the little urn.

Fast forward five years and its Ashes year once again, but rather than attempting to overturn a 1-0 deficit in the series against the West Indies for England, Jones is working tirelessly in the nets at St Lawrence.

Jones is no longer the man in possession – that now belongs to Matt Prior and to some extent Tim Ambrose. With Worcestershire keeper Steve Davies called up for the one-day series, Jones could be as far down the pecking order as fourth.

## Partnerships

Once seen as a mainstay of the England side, mainly for his ability with the bat following countless important partnerships with Andrew Flintoff, the 32-year-old has gone back to county cricket with Kent in a hope of regaining the sparkling form that got him noticed by Duncan Fletcher in 2004.

After being dropped in 2006 after the ill-fated Ashes whitewash, the Kent gloveman has fitted back in Rob Key's side with some consistent performances if not glittering.

There was some reminiscence of the old Jones towards the end of last season when he grabbed the opportunity of batting at three in the County Championship with both hands, hitting a counter-attacking innings of 91 against Lancashire at Aigburth.

Having started his preparations for this summer just two months after the end of last season, the Papua New Guinea-born cricketer is hoping to fill that spot for his

county when the campaign starts next month.

"I'm keen on getting off to a good start because I felt good batting at the end of last year, so I didn't want that to sit for six months," he said. "Things fell into place last year, the whole aim of the winter is to improve on a few things from last season and hit the ground running."

"I have based my winter practice around the idea I may bat at three. I enjoyed it last year and had some success there. I was given the inclination that there is the potential to start there again this year. We will wait until the season starts to see what decisions have been made."

Having watched Jones in the nets for a few weeks, it's clear to see he hasn't given up hope of regaining his place back in the England side.

Whether he will be given another chance to do so is another matter, but stranger things have happened. His experience of performing in a crucial Ashes series could be to his advantage but Jones is typically pragmatic about his chances.

"My England ambitions are still there," he said. "If there's injury or illness then I want to make sure the first person they turn to is me and that only comes about through form. I have got the experience of being there, Ashes year as well, but ultimately it's up to me to go out there and score the runs and leave it there in the selectors' hands."

"But I'm not sure if I have been thrown on the scrapheap or been put in the Duncan Fletcher era and they've moved on, I don't know."

Whatever happens, Kent are the ones that are likely to profit from a motivated player who has the ability to change the tempo of games, both in the championship and in limited overs.

"I did all my cricket learning at Test level and the international stage and that's quite a tough place to do it," said Jones.

"Everything I have learned from my international career is now benefiting me and that's half the excitement this year because I feel I have got my game in order and it's up to me to put in the performances in the middle."

**FORGOTTEN MAN:** Former England wicketkeeper Geraint Jones *Picture: ADY KERRY*



## LYDIA GREENWAY'S WORLD CUP Diary



Lydia Greenway will be exclusively blogging for KOS Media from Australia when the England women's cricket team challenge for the ICC Women's World Cup

## 'Training has been brilliant'

THE ICC Women's World Cup has been a long time coming for us. After being knocked out in the semi finals four years ago we feel we are a much improved outfit in all areas of our game.

Four of us have been lucky enough to continue our final preparations in Sydney where the World Cup will be hosted. Myself, Isa Guha, Beth Morgan and Holly Colvin have been playing grade cricket over here since October. It is a highly regarded league with several Australian internationals featuring in the teams.

Playing on the wickets and getting used to the conditions out here has been invaluable. The four of us have also been living together so training sessions have been brilliant.

The time has flown by and it's hard to believe that the rest of the team have been here for six days already. Our first official game is on March 7 against Sri Lanka.

Before that we have three warm-up games, one of which was today against New South Wales who are state champions. Although they were missing key players, who have joined their Australian team mates on a camp in Canberra, they still put out a good team.

Our aim for this game was to hit the ground running; training over the last few days has increased with intensity so there were to be no excuses today.

On a greenish wicket we were asked to bowl first which more than suited us. Nunny (Katherine Brunt) and Ish (Isa Guha) got us off to a great start and in no time at all we had them three down. New South Wales never really recovered and we had them all out for 99.

It was great to see our bowlers hitting their areas, especially Nunny who gave the batters next to nothing with a few balls whizzing around their ears every now and then. Our batters did a great job too with the openers putting on a stand of 59 before being retired to give others a bit of time at the crease.

All in all it was a pleasing win but we still know we are not 100 per cent yet and want to keep improving in each game we play. On Monday we face the Aussies in our first official warm-up game, so we'll be preparing for that over the weekend.

Follow Lydia's blog from Down Under at [www.kentsport.blogspot.com](http://www.kentsport.blogspot.com).

## Mercer fed up with PlayStation practice



**TEAM HUNT:** Steve Mercer is on the lookout for a ride

STEVE Mercer is searching for a ride in the British Supersport Championship after his PDM Racing team pulled out of the series five weeks before the opening round.

The Maidstone rider signed a deal to race with PDM Racing in the British Supersport Championship in December, but following the loss of a major sponsor, the team have been forced to pull the plug on their 2009 campaign.

The news came as a shock to Mercer, who was eagerly anticipating a full season in the Supersport series. The 26-year-old has been left to search for a new team with only five weeks before the season begins at Brands Hatch on April 10.

He said: "I received a phone call telling me the bad news last week. It's a massive blow. The economic crisis keeps hitting the sport and grids are going to be small. I am in talks with a number of teams, but it is going to be difficult to find a ride for this season."

Mercer confirmed his ride in the Isle of Man TT has been unaffected by the economic crisis and has just returned from the island after a trip to learn the circuit last week.

He added "The circuit is massive and I have been doing a few laps out there just to learn it. The preparations are going well but to actually ride the circuit instead of practising on the Playstation is something else."



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# STAYING OR GOING?

## Fears end of season could lead to mass exodus of Gills players from Priestfield



**WANT TO KEEP**  
**ANDY BARCHAM:** (Pictured) One the Gills will definitely want to keep but may lose him to higher-ranked clubs in the summer, particularly if they miss out on promotion.

**JOHN NUTTER:** A consistently solid performer, expect him to be at the club next season.

**LUIS CUMBERS:** Talented but injury-prone, the striker has yet to make an impact but has been prolific in loan spells and should be given another season to prove himself.

**SIMON ROYCE:** The veteran stopper will celebrate his 38th birthday in September and would be useful to have around as Alan Julian is eased into the number-one spot.



**IN THE BALANCE**  
**CHRIS KIELY:** Third-choice goalkeeper is young but is coming under pressure from fellow teenager Connor Quinn.

**ALBERT JARRETT:** (Pictured) The very definition of a mercurial winger, contract talks will hinge on how he finishes the season.

**CHARLIE HOWARD:** Has struggled with injuries this season, several loan spells suggest he is well down the current pecking order but may be retained.

**ANDY PUGH:** Like Cumbers, may need a good spell at Grays to convince Stimson to keep him on board.

**NICKY SOUTHALL:** Has done well to recover after being loaned out to Dover. At 37 is in twilight of his career, but may be offered another season.



**LIKELY TO LEAVE**  
**ANDREW CROFTS:** Widely expected to leave Priestfield after completing his loan spell at Wrexham.

**GARY MULLIGAN:** (pictured) Fans' favourite for his work ethic but two goals in 28 appearances this season, mainly as a substitute, is unlikely to persuade Gills to offer another deal.

**TAYLER THOMAS:** Average loan spell at Folkestone and may be pushed out by several highly-rated first years.

**TOM WYNTER:** Did well on loan at Ramsgate, but like Thomas could find himself superseded by youth players.

**SEAN CLOHESSY:** A first-team regular under Ronnie Jepson, has spent most of this campaign on loan at Salisbury and is unlikely to return.

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By **DAVID PRITCHARD**

ANDY Barcham and a host of other senior players in the Gillingham squad could leave for free this summer with the club opting not to open contract talks until after the end of the season.

A total of 14 players – the majority of the senior squad – are out of contract this summer.

With Gills still well placed in the chase for promotion out of League Two, the club will delay opening negotiations until they know which division they will be in next season.

Manager Mark Stimson told Kent on Sunday: "Where we are and what division we're in can identify what we need to do and who we need to retain. If a player came in and asked me I would probably be honest with them and say 'I know you're out of contract but we'll probably have to wait until the end of the season to make a decision'."

"All they can do is perform to the best of their ability to give them the best chance of being offered a new contract."

The biggest loss would undoubtedly be Barcham, who joined from Tottenham

Hotspur in January after impressing on loan. With nine goals before yesterday's game against Bournemouth, he is the second highest goal scorer at the club and keeping the versatile forward will be among Stimson's highest priorities this summer.

The club's stance differs slightly from the one adopted last season. Although deals were not signed until after relegation was confirmed, talks with players such as Simon Royce and Danny Cullip took place weeks before the end of the campaign.

It makes the Gills vulnerable to approaches from other clubs. Under league rules players aged over 24 can begin talks with interested parties in the last six months of their contract and even sign pre-contracts ahead of a move. Younger players can do the same, but the parent club is eligible for compensation.

Stimson admitted the club would be virtually powerless but felt it was a gamble worth taking.

He said: "We wouldn't be able to stop that unless we offered a contract. With the players we've got out of contract I'm willing to take that risk and see what we've got at the end of the season."

One source of players to come into the squad this summer is through promoting talent from the youth squad. Jack Payne

was the first to sign a deal earlier this month and the rest of the second year scholars will find out if they are to be offered contracts later this month.

Last year five players made the step up, but Stimson admitted their progress had been disappointing after none had come close to forcing their way into the first team.

He said: "I think three of them didn't do enough close-season work and that showed when they came back in pre-season."

"You give them an opportunity but if they don't take it, that's their fault. This year not as many will be offered deals. The first year scholars are a very strong group and five or six of them are more than capable of playing in the reserves, so we don't need as many young pros."

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